

GRACE & FLAVOUR DIRECTORS' MEETING MINUTES

Thursday 13th October 2022: at 7.30pm

Present	Amanda (Chair), John W, Carolyn, Vicky, Beverley, Helena, Ray, Rob, Michael, Ashley, Gerry		
Apologies	John F		
Minute Taker	John W		
REF	ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	Meeting venue	Methodist Village Hall	
2.	Minutes of Last Meeting (June)	Approved	
3.	Actions from last meeting		
1	NGS	Maria Waters at Dene Place emailed with official date - awaiting response. Agreed to set up a small committee to prepare for event in January (Since agreed with Maria)	GR
2	H&S/Risk Assessment	Ashley has had responses and will consider them	AB
3	Bodging Equipment.	Sue and David Reeve were going to remove equipment. Since meeting - it is possible that John F and Phi Vessey will continue with the bodging group. Donations by Bob Spackman to be kept	John F
4	Social event: Harvest Thanksgiving and Squash	Everything is covered Phil Herrington and his family will attend the lunch Helena asked to put a veg box together as a thank you	Helena
5	Listing on RHS website	Two categories for the website. In Bloom (not for us) – which is for gardens wishing to compete in an RHS competition. In Your Neighbourhood (our interest) – to be listed on their website. You need to apply and be assessed as to whether you are worthy. We will apply when appropriate	GR
6	New members Induction Sheet	Beverley and Amanda will draft one	ADH & BN
7	Amelie	Card given and a delightful heartfelt thanks from her in return.	
8	New Volunteers	No positive responses from e mail. New member today very interested in composting- We will resend volunteer's invitation again, around Easter 2023.	Carolyn

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4.	Finance report (Attached)	<p>Working balance of £11,875 Finance committee had agreed to a number of spending commitments for next year.</p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">New Asparagus bed</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Weed Suppressant x 1 roll</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Netting x 1 roll</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Enviromesh x 1 roll</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£300</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Lime trees (1/3 of total)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New soft Fruit cage netting(sides only)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Gravel for car park</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£150</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Allotments – drainage additional 25m</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£1000</td> </tr> </table> <p><u>Building team requests</u></p> <table style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 80%;">East Wall ground slabs etc</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£220</td> </tr> </table> <p>Roofing materials for small green tool shed £60 Patio Project -to slab beneath pergola £1200 - to be proposed at AGM as large capital expenditure item. Will apply for local grants to cover part of costs</p>	New Asparagus bed	£150	Weed Suppressant x 1 roll	£150	Netting x 1 roll	£150	Enviromesh x 1 roll	£300	Lime trees (1/3 of total)	£800	New soft Fruit cage netting(sides only)	£1000	Gravel for car park	£150	Allotments – drainage additional 25m	£1000	East Wall ground slabs etc	£220	
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5.	Garden update	<p>There are still plenty of crops. We need to plant garlic and shallots shortly. The main winter work will be to clear fruit cage and rhubarb areas. We will consider what to do with the area between the walls which was not cultivated this year.</p> <p>We need to replace 2 fruit trees which suffered from summer stress, old rhubarb area has to be cleared of comfrey, the new asparagus bed is ready for planting, and we think we should buy celeriac plugs next year</p>	JW																		
6.	Allotments - update (Michael)	<p>No one is on the waiting list. 3 changes over the summer. One extra member has volunteered for the mowing rota. Car park gravel has been spread.</p>																			
7.	G+F Website & Comms. (Ashley)	<p>Ashley has asked if anyone would assist with his newsletter communications. Either writing the content or using Mailchimp (Since the meeting Tony Millership as volunteered to help with Mailchimp)</p>																			
8.	Building team update (Rob)	<p>Building team have completed maintenance work on one of the sheds. Spread gravel on the car park. Rob T has met with the current NT area manager Aileen and structural engineer Hannah, The structural engineer considered the work on the walls to be suitable and sufficient. It was agreed Amanda should contact Sue Streeter or Sarah Archer (NT) about the trees. (Since the meeting that has been done). Sarah Archer will remind Paul to look at the old birch tree.) For note. Aileen Cameron is the Senior Building Surveyor for London and SE. Hannah is their structural engineer and Sarah Archer is still in charge!</p>	ADH																		

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9.	Wildlife – update (Gerry)	Main issue is whether to replace netting over the hedges that the horses damaged. - Check if more road pins are needed to support netting. John and Gerry will look at it. The pond needs some further cleaning out. Ashley to help	GR + JW
10.	2 Urns in the potting shed	Agreed to scrap	RB
11.	AGM details	Tea, coffee, milk and sugar to be sorted by Beverley. People asked to make a cake. Ashley to set up the projector. Presenters to send Powerpoints to Ashley.	BN AB
12.	Social Events for 2023	These were agreed. Sent separately.	
13.	AOB	1 MT asked should the trailer be scrapped or moved on. Agreed ADH to discuss with Bob Spackman. Cement mixer still useful. Agreed to remove rotavators (one maybe belongs to Trevor W. David Pile to be asked to check GF generator prior to disposal (after checking if it was on the asset list) 2. Rob T showed photos of a garden visited a) Highlights at the moment b) Wishing Tree both to be considered. 3. JW asked if people had old sheets to clean polytunnel. To be considered 4. VR agreed to look after the mesh etc in the shed	ADH AB

Next Meeting: AGM, Thursday 10th November 7.15 for 7.45 West Horsley Village Hall

Chairman: Amanda de Haast Minute Taker: Vicky Rutherford