



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Thursday 2 nd March 2017 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	David Slingo (Chair) – DS John Boden (Vice-Chair) – JB Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR Cllr Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT) – RME Gareth Clarke (Webmaster) - GC	Cllr Nick Hards – NH Abi Brown (Arts Officer) - AB Total: 15 persons present

Agenda

Item	Agenda Item
Guest speaker	Abi Brown, Arts Development Officer, VOWHDC
1	Apologies for absence: Natalie Hudson (Secretary) Paula Walters (Treasurer) Mark Bodeker
2	Minutes of previous meeting
3	Matters arising
4	Correspondence
5	Report back (from officers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logo competition entrants • Domain name • Community road safety project • New proposals for dog walking area • Defibrillator fundraising update
6	Things to be discussed: Community Centre expression of interest
7	Q & A
8	AOB
9	Close meeting – date of next meeting

Action No	Action
1.	JB to collate road adoption issues from Residents living in the North East of GWP.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
	Guest speaker: <u>Abi Brown</u> AB introduced herself as the Arts Officer for the Vale Of White Horse District Council (VOWHDC). She stated that the original plan for GWP was made back in 2011, when only 5 households resided	

	<p>there and consisted of 29 works of art across the estate. AB stated that the intention was to review and adapt this to meet the needs and expectations of the Residents, now there are a considerable number now living on GWP.</p> <p>AB discussed the current projects, consisting of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boundary Park Fence, to represent the historical Roman Occupation. • The Glasswork in the Boundary Park Pavilion. • The making of Christmas lanterns at the GWPRA Christmas Events • The Textile project for the Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre, delayed due to illness. • The New Sign for the Pavilion, which will be finished in the next 2-3 months. <p>AB then talked through the upcoming projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A feature staircase for the Atrium. • The Map/Notice Board project originally suggested at a previous Residents' Association meeting. • Sculptural Seating and Lighting for the new Skate Park. • The landmark project, run by Michael CONDRON. This is now at a final design phase and depicts a hand. The location has been confirmed to be outside UTC and 3m tall. AB talked residents through the latest presentation by Michael Condron of how the landmark sculpture was conceived and thanked all the Residents for their input in the process. The art piece should be in place by Sept 2017 and Michael had wanted suggestions of science based structures to be used in it. Suggestions to: http://publicartgwp.blogspot.co.uk/ or https://www.facebook.com/ReachGWP/ <p>Cllr NH then suggested, as a former Crystallographer, the crystallography imagery could be very interesting and that Diamond Light should have images available.</p> <p>GC suggested that the new GWPRA logo could also be incorporated, since the designers inspiration was gained partly at Michael's workshops.</p> <p>AB was very pleased with suggestions and extended that to other projects. Phone box style sculptures to house the Defibrillators were suggested by a resident.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies: Natalie Hudson (Secretary) Paula Walters (Treasurer) Mark Bodeker</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true and accurate account of the last meeting.</p>	All present
3.	<p>Matters arising: A concern on road safety, in particular the danger around the Bus stop area opposite Red Kite Way was raised. Other Residents</p>	

	gave concerns at the lack of crossings, consistent speed limits and speeding on GWP was raised by Residents. This was agreed to be discussed later during the meeting.	
4.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Updates from Taylor Wimpey in response to GWPRA questions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -TW policy on road/pavement gritting, they are trying to get SFA added to OCC gritting route, also approval sought to have private gritting company on standby. It was noted that due to gritting now taking place, this must have been successful. - Potential for a zebra crossing is being reviewed between Taylor Wimpey, consultants & OCC, if it could be safely installed, it would need OCC approval. - Progress of and specification for the District Community Centre, currently slipped with revising contracts with SODC. A Planning submission due to be made in March. Construction about 18months from planning permission to completion of the facility <p>Public Open Spaces management (now Land Trust is approved)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - TW continues to be obligated, under S106, to offer management to SODC. - SODC then transfer the land onto the Land Trust to maintain. <p>District centre - retail units, supermarket and McCarthy & Stone Extra Care facility all targeted to complete Oct-Dec 2017</p> <p>Secondary school progress remains on target to open Sept 17.</p> <p>Planning application for the pub has now been made.</p> <p>Land for the nursery site due to transfer June 2017 after which an operator submits planning application.</p> <p>Northern neighbourhood park area (the tennis courts, MUGA, skatepark and LEAP) completes in Autumn 2017</p> <p>Healthcare site is option land to be transferred to SODC. NHS not yet expressed desire to develop the site.</p> <p>Land for the primary school (south GWP) now transferred to OCC to commenced mobilisation works from April 2017.</p>	
5.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>5.1 Logo competition entrants</p> <p>A resident asked for the names of the entrants, these were given as Entry 1 – Pete Whiting, Entry 2 – Ben Shorey and Voted Winning by residents, Entry 3 – Dion Walters. Of the £50 prize, Dion would have £25 in vouchers and the remaining £25 would be donated to the Community Defibrillator fund.</p> <p>Everyone agreed the standard of the entries was very high and thanked the entrants.</p> <p>5.2 Domain name</p> <p>The decision was taken to renew the gwpra.org.uk domain at a cost of £25.16 for 3 years. All present agreed that the domain was very useful to reaching out to the “arm chair supporters” who are unable to attend the meetings. Particularly as a proportion of people avoid social media and would not use the Facebook page. The Facebook page is free and has 244 members currently. The</p>	GC

GWPPRA mailing list has 134 persons on it. The www.gwppra.org.uk website had 12,759 visits last year. There were some issues with the website hosting and currently RME is kindly personally providing the hosting. A suitable alternative will need to be sought.

5.3 Community road safety project

Following numerous concerns about road safety, in particular the dangerous layout of the roads and people speeding from residents. The GWPPRA raised all these issues and more at the Road Adoption Meeting but there was a distinct lack of response from OCC and TW over these.

Thames Valley Police were contacted and during their risk assessment for safety of an overt speed enforcement operation, concluded that there was no where safe to do this on GWP. GC and DR decided there was a need for evidence of the problem of speeding, along the unsuitably designed roads. They conducted a covert recording operation using video cameras and cones over a 55 minute period at the location next to the NNCC.

The results were presented:

Total vehicles measured:	248	
Maximum Speed /mph:	40.57	
Total < 20mph Speed Limit	52	21.0%
Total above 20 but below suggested prosecution limit:	91	36.7%
Total above suggested prosecution limit but below 35 mph:	98	39.5%
Total driving >> 35mph (Dangerously):	7	2.8%
Near miss incidents captured directly on camera from dangerous drivers:	2	28.6%

Along with observations that the drivers sticking to 20mph or below have a positive effect on reducing the speed of a number of vehicles. Also that there was a considerable amount of traffic using Blackthorn Road, indicating that the spine was becoming a “rat run” for commuters. Two very near misses, involving vehicles taking emergency maneuvers were also witnessed. In both cases the vehicles were speeding.

Non driver identifiable pictures of the most dangerous offenders were displayed.

Residents were keen for these to be displayed publically to raise awareness of the issue. GC agreed to do this along with a further operation at Red Kite Way junction of SFWA, where a resident represented major safety concerns.

GC presented the next phase is to measure more areas and over a greater time. This is not practical with video method 1 hour footage takes 8 hours analysis. Truvelo are about to release a covert traffic speed analyser which costs ≈£3k ex VAT and delivery. GC is to prepare a self-funding business case bid for funding from VOWH, DTC, HWPC & SODC

Methods to resolve the issue were also discussed by residents,

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	<p>namely crossings, speed bumps and priority narrowings. It was agreed to incorporate these solutions into the project, once more evidence was obtained.</p> <p>5.4 New proposals for dog walking area Rebecca Bowker from TW had contacted GWPRA with two options for the Fenced off play area on the Northern Neighbourhood Park (Next to the tennis courts). Option A was a larger area fenced off to keep dogs away from the play area and option B was a much smaller one to allow children to play with their family dog, closer to the play area. There were a number of dog owners at the meeting and DS proposed a vote following a discussion of the topic. Out of 15 persons present, six were in favour of the larger dog exclusion area and 1 was in favour of the smaller. Comments made that there was a lot of dog walking space already proposed, that a fair proportion of dog owners were not cleaning up after the animals and ignoring the dog restrictions such as for boundary park. GC suggested an online vote, time permitting, DS to confirm urgency with TW.</p> <p>5.5 Defibrillator fundraising update As of 17/2/17, £822.98 has been raised towards the Community Defibrillator Project. A cost of £1775 inc. VAT is required for each installation.</p> <p>A collection tin is available in the local convenience store, Best-One. £52.95 raised so far. There is also a collection tin at the Bar of Boundary Park Pavilion this has raised £23.88. Following the GWPRA Christmas Event 2016, £721.15 was raised. This was with very generous assistance from local businesses, in particular the lead developer, Taylor Wimpey. Another donation of £25 has also been received. GC announced a draft fundraising page has been setup on the website: http://www.gwpra.org.uk/gwpra-community-defibrillator RME confirmed that Bellway Homes has very generously donated £500 towards the Community Defibrillator Fund. GC stated he was placing a grant application with SODC and other authorities. RME agreed to approach the remaining developers and highlight the opening ceremony planned for each installation.</p>	<p>DS</p> <p>GC</p>
<p>6.</p>	<p>Things to be discussed: The highway boundary issues on the northern part of GWP were discussed. There was concern on how TW were placing turf over residents' own landscaping, believing that OCC demanded only that. JB was to collect any concerns from the meeting and social media with a view to raising them with TW and OCC Adoptions Team.</p>	<p>JB</p>

7.	Q & A: none	
8.	AOB: none	
9.	Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Next meeting: Venue Boundary Park Pavilion Thursday 6 th April at 7.30pm.	