

# Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2016 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Northern Neighbourhood Centre GWP	
Attendees:	David Slingo (Chair) – DS John Boden (Vice-Chair) - JB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) – NH Gareth Clarke (Webmaster) – GC Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) - RME	Marilyn Shadbolt – MS David Carroll – DC Brendan Byrne - BB Dave Roberts – DR David Brignall - DB Rachel Brignall - RB Win Platts – WP Steve Shadbolt – SS

## Agenda

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Action No	Action
1.	RME & Chair to e-mail Taylor Wimpey re: contractors speeding.
2.	GC to take the lead with logo design project.
3.	Chair and GC to enquire with developers and SODC about sewage/road works at GWP.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Paula Walters - Treasurer	
2.	<b>Guest speaker:</b> Apologies received from the owner of the shop as he is unable to attend this evening. Has been invited to next month's meeting.	

3.	<p><b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Agreed as a true account of the meeting held 12 May 2016.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters arising:</b> n/a</p>	
5.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>E-mail re: speeding</b> Secretary has received an e-mail from a resident regarding vehicles speeding along Sir Frank Williams Avenue. RME advised that there are no legal enforcement options as the roads on the development are private, i.e. not yet adopted. He has spoken to local police and they have advised that they can speak to drivers about it if they are present at the time. GC advised that speeding can constitute anti-social behaviour i.e. driving at 40mph in a 20mph zone, and drivers can receive a warning for this. Likely this could be used for extreme/persistent cases. Residents confirmed that contractors speed through the development and it was suggested that the GWPRA discuss this with Taylor Wimpey to see what action can be taken. It would appear that the very high speed bump at the Wantage Road side of GWP seems to be calming traffic there. Community speed watch schemes operate in other areas, which may be worth considering. There are currently small 20mph signs around the development which were put up by Taylor Wimpey. It is anticipated that larger signs will be put in place when the roads are adopted.</li> <li>- <b>'Thank you' card</b> Received a 'thank you' card from resident Clare Hann for the flowers sent to her in recognition of her assistance with auditing the GWPRA accounts.</li> </ul>	<p>RME &amp; Chair to e-mail Taylor Wimpey re: contractors.</p>
6.	<p><b>Report back from officers:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Road consultation</b> Chair confirmed he has received a response from Christian Mauz, Oxfordshire County Council regarding the road consultation. The response states that OCC received objections to the proposals during the consultation and so a report will need to be prepared, seeking approval from Cllr Nimmo Smith at one of his monthly CMD meetings, currently scheduled for Thursday 21st July, County Hall in Oxford.</li> </ul> <p>Discussion held regarding what proposals the GWPRA can make on behalf of the residents. Suggestions below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Extra speed bumps (although they can damage cars, perhaps more sensibly designed speed bumps).</li> <li>2. Community speed watch scheme.</li> <li>3. "Smiley Sid" (speed indication display).</li> <li>4. Double yellow lines – objection to 24/7 exclusion from stopping/parking. Residents raised issues with delivery vans not being able to stop to drop off goods. Suggestion</li> </ol>	

to extend the lines to all junctions i.e. on secondary roads. Mixed views on this. It is felt that the suitability of such measures depends on a number of issues such as whether it is a straight road or affects access to houses.

5. Single yellow lines with restrictions suggested.
6. Visitors' spaces on Ash Way are due to be removed when the Sales Centre is converted to houses. Residents feel that these spaces are well-used, make the roads safer and would like these to stay.

Chair invited residents to e-mail him with any further suggestions. Meeting details will be shared once confirmed.

**- Governance Review**

Chair provided background (see previous minutes for details). Chair confirmed he has received a response from Margaret Reed, South and Vale regarding the governance review. The response states that the next meeting of the Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee is scheduled for 5 September 2016 on an 'if required' basis. In summary, there is a further delay but the prospect of another meeting in September where the GWPRA's petition will be discussed. Suggestion of conducting another petition before this meeting. Chair recommended that the GWPRA try and meet with South and Vale before the September meeting to discuss.

**- Harwell Parish Council**

Chair has contacted Chair of Harwell Parish Council who is very happy to meet and this is being arranged. Their website shows the sorts of events they run as a Parish Council.

**- Logo**

GC proposed creating a GWPRA logo. Possible ways of doing this included: commissioning a graphic artist or holding a school competition for children to design a logo. Resident commented the school option may be difficult due to technicalities of logos (e.g. requirement to show in colour and black/white). Agreed that we need to come up with a brief, possibly including themes such as community and the history of Didcot, along with the lettering 'GWPRA'. Agreed that we would then need to shortlist suitable ideas/designs for consideration at a RA meeting. Residents agreed that GWPRA needs our own identity, separate from Taylor Wimpey as developers.

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**- GWPRA Focus**

Chair reminded residents of the objectives and aims set out in the GWPRA Constitution. Informed residents that the Committee met recently and agreed on five key areas for focus:

1. Visibility, especially to new residents.
2. Network, with other local groups.
3. Consult, and be consulted on GWP matters (formal links with developers and LA).
4. Understand and respond, to residents' needs, both social

	<p>and issues.</p> <p>5. Be self-sufficient, generating income and seeking funding.</p> <p>Residents agreed that it is important to generate income and to continue to support other local groups who may not be able to access funding and may need support. Suggestion to contact SOHA and Taylor Wimpey again for further support/assistance. Chair encouraged residents to consider whether they can assist the Residents Association with any of the above.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Things to be discussed:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- See item 6.</li> </ul>	
8.	<p><b>Q &amp; A:</b></p> <p>n/a</p>	
9.	<p><b>Resolutions:</b></p> <p>None.</p>	
10.	<p><b>Decisions taken by vote:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Minutes of the previous meeting agreed.</li> </ul>	
11.	<p><b>AOB:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <b>Bus stops</b> Resident provided update that further stops/changes to infrastructure are not currently on planning database and there are to be further cuts to bus services in Oxfordshire. The GWP service went out to tender two months ago although outcome is not yet known.</li> <li>- <b>Sewage/road works:</b> Residents reported that there appear to be a lot of sewage/road works going on around the outside of the development but no information has been received from the developers.</li> <li>- <b>Flooding/drainage problem:</b> Roads cannot be adopted until drainage/flooding problem has been rectified. Agreed it is worth pursuing with the developers if residents encounter problems with this.</li> <li>- <b>Bank account:</b> GC confirmed the current bank account balance is £1380.97.</li> <li>- <b>Playground:</b> Section of one of the playgrounds has been fenced off for some time. Chair confirmed this issue was raised with SODC before and response was that there is a drainage problem which developers have yet to rectify.</li> </ul>	<p>Chair &amp; GC to ask developers &amp; SODC about these works.</p>
12.	<p><b>Close meeting.</b></p> <p>Closed at 8.45pm. Next meeting: Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016, 7.30pm, at Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre</p> <p>.</p>	