



Great Western Park Residents Association Annual General Meeting (AGM) Minutes

Date and Time:	Thursday 4 th May 2017 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	John Boden (Vice Chair) - JB Gareth Clarke (Webmaster) - GC Natalie Hudson (Secretary) - NH Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR Cllr Ron Milton-Eldridge – RME	David Brignall – DB Bala Ariga – BA Karen Whiting – KA Ruth Colman – RC David Colman – DC

Agenda

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1	Apologies for absence
2	Minutes of previous meeting
3	Matters arising
4	Correspondence
5	Report back (from officers)
6	Dissolution of Current Committee
7	Election of the New Committee Members
8	AOB
9	Close meeting – date of next meeting

Action No	Action
1.	GC to ask Taylor Wimpey about the possibility of fencing at Neighbourhood Park and to clarify how the parking enforcement scheme is operated.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
1.	Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Mark Bodeker Vicki Owen	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.	All present
3.	Matters arising: n/a	

4.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>4.1 Neighbourhood Park - Rebecca Bowker (Taylor Wimpey) Following a resident's question on Facebook, Rebecca confirmed that there was no outer fence boundary to the Neighbourhood park, but there is an inner MUGA fence and natural foliage. RC asked if there is any way of implementing fencing mainly to keep dogs contained. GC suggested we could ask but they may be issues re: crossing boundary between Harwell and Didcot.</p> <p>4.2 - GEMS Academy Principle – Alison Ashcroft Further to a discussion during the last meeting about the lack of school places at GEMS, GC contacted the Principle, Alison Ashcroft. She confirmed that all of the classes are full aside from 2 spaces in Year 2. Alison confirmed that if there are 12 or more Year 1 pupils on the continued interest list, there would be a financial case for opening another class. A copy of the letter of explanation is on the website – www.gwpra.org.uk</p> <p>4.3 Charity Checkout GC has had correspondence from a company offering services to help raise funds online. Pricing ranges from £240-£480 per year. This was discussed at the meeting but there was no interest from residents, so this will not be pursued.</p> <p>4.4 Parking/HGV Traffic GC has received two emails from residents regarding the parking issues. Concerns include that 'Agribulk' HGVs observed as using the Spine Road. GWPRA had started a Community Parking Scheme but need more volunteers. Community Road Safety Project still in progress - also needs funds and volunteers. During the meeting it was suggested that it may be worth sending an email to Taylor Wimpey to clarify parking control measures and enforcement, i.e. how they operate the scheme.</p>	GC
5.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>5.1 Annual Report (summary of the past year)</p> <p>Logo Competition: Successfully ran a competition to select a new Logo for the GWPRA. This logo will be featured in part of the new art work at Great Western Park.</p> <p>This led to starting the Community Outreach project: To obtain funding to publicise GWPRA and encourage the widest possible community involvement.</p> <p>Community Defibrillator Project: Achieved Phase 1 of 3 (Boundary Park) and submitted Grant Application for Phase 2 (NNCC) with SODC. DR thanked the rugby club for their donation towards the defibrillator. Agreed that the GWPRA will include their logo on the GWPRA supporters page on</p>	GC

the website. Donation tins at the shop and pavilion are still collecting funds. Taylor Wimpey and Bellway Homes assisted with funding but no response received from the other developers. Will be seeking funding for further defibrillators from a variety of sources.

Financial support to community groups:

Provided financial support to the once struggling Great Western Park Babies and Toddlers Group, which is now regularly full to capacity and thriving as a result.

Great Western Park Residents' Association Facebook Group:

277 Members and steadily growing.

Continued running of the www.gwpra.org.uk website:

With the valuable assistance of Cllr. Milton-Eldridge this has had 12,140 Page views in the past year.

Started the Community Road Safety Project:

GWPRAs conducted a covert speed check, resulting in first evidence to support claims of excessive speeding. Working towards obtaining funds for dedicated equipment to gather evidence for OCC Highways. 'Truvelo' may be able to use our project as a case study and loan the equipment for free. If not, GC will submit grant applications for Didcot Town Council and Harwell Parish Council. Equipment cannot be used for prosecutions but collects data re: speed and volume of traffic to support arguments.

Funded and Organised the Christmas Event 2016:

GWPRAs held another successful Christmas event - new venue used and volunteers assisted. The event was popular with residents and also raised funds towards the Defibrillator project.

Assisting with the GWP children's summer activities week:

After a very successful week in 2016 now planning the 2017 week. Working to assist the GWP Community Church, who also run the Community Café, originally supported by the GWPRAs.

Started the Community Centres Project:

Forming a bid to assist with the management of the District and Northern Neighbourhood Community Centres. GC confirmed we would need more people to make a sub-group in order for this to progress. Alternatively we could assist in the management of the centres once built.

5.2 Auditing of books: Thanks to Katie Collins who has audited the GWPRAs's accounts. Expenditure – distortedly large amount due to £500 donation to toddler group, £300 approximately spent on Christmas event and extra money raised going into the defibrillator fund.

6.	<p>Dissolution of present Committee: Present Committee was dissolved at 8.20pm.</p>	
7.	<p>Election of Committee members:</p> <p>Chair: Gareth Clarke nominated and agreed by all. Secretary: Natalie Hudson nominated and agreed by all. Treasurer: Paula Walters nominated and agreed by all. IT Administrator: Gareth Clarke nominated and agreed by all to hold two positions in the absence of a further candidate. (Agreed that Ron Milton-Eldridge will act as deputy and stand in for meetings Gareth is unable to attend). Boundary Park Sports Association Representative: Dave Roberts nominated and agreed by all. Vice-Chair: No elected member. Will need to be re-advertised. Fundraiser/Events Coordinator: No elected member. Will need to be re-advertised.</p> <p>Outgoing Vice-Chair John Boden gave thanks to the committee for their help and support over the past year. New Chair asked that positions are advertised and discussed in the community to identify whether people would like to fulfil any of the vacant roles.</p> <p>New committee elected at 8.25pm.</p> <p>IT Administrator will re-assign the e-mail addresses to the correct people.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>8.1 Monthly meetings: Thanks to the Boundary Park Sports Association for letting the GWPRA use the pavilion for no extra cost, which allows us to continue with our meetings.</p> <p>RC suggested changing the date of the meetings to the first Wednesday of the month to coincide with the fish and chip van serving outside the pavilion on this date. This would also allow the newly formed darts team to use every Thursday evening. All agreed was worth trying to see if this may increase attendance. June and July meetings confirmed with bar manager - Wednesday 7th June and Wednesday 5th July.</p>	
9.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.30pm. Next meeting: Venue Boundary Park Pavilion Wednesday 7th June 2017 at 7.30pm.</p>	