

Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

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| Date and Time: | Thursday 6 th February 2014 at 7.30pm |
| Place: | Didcot Civic Centre |
| Attendees: | <p>John Boden (JB) – Chair Yan Anderson (YA) – Vice-Chair Natalie Hudson (NH) – Secretary Richard Jones (RJ) - Treasurer Elaine Walsh (EW) – Fundraiser Ron Milton-Eldridge (RME) – IT Administrator</p> <p>Mick Walsh (MW), Brendan Byrne (BB), Ruth Anderson (RA), Dan Machowiak (DM), Kenan Reeves (KR), Ondrei Kranny (OK), Andrew Lloyd Cook (ALC), Mel England (ME), John England (JE), David Carroll (DC) & Severine Poignant (SP).</p> <p>Jayne Bolton – SODC Karen Beck – All Saints Church</p> |

Agenda

| Item | Agenda Item |
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| 1 | Apologies for absence |
| 2 | Guest speaker – Jayne Bolton (SODC) |
| 3 | Minutes of previous meeting |
| 4 | Matters arising since previous meeting |
| 5 | Correspondence |
| 6 | Report back (from officers) |
| 7 | Things to be discussed |
| 8 | Q & A |
| 9 | Resolutions |
| 10 | Decisions are taken by vote |
| 11 | AOB |
| 12 | Close meeting |

Actions to be reviewed on 06/03/14:

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| 1 | Vice-Chair to bring insurance quotes to meeting for discussion. |

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| 1. | <p>Apologies: None.</p> | |
| 2. | <p>Guest Speaker: Jayne Bolton (SODC)</p> <p><u>Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre</u> Jayne apologised for the delay in the construction of the Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre. Planning permission has now been received. SODC has recruited surveyor to act on their behalf and liaise with Taylor Wimpey’s surveyor. Close to agreeing the specification. Taylor Wimpey want to start the build in March and will take approximately nine months to complete. Jayne will liaise with Jackie Logan (SOHA) re: bookings and management of the centre. Confirmed that wireless internet is going to be installed at the centre.</p> <p><u>Play Area</u> Taylor Wimpey holding a consultation about a new play area. Will try to include older children. Jayne will continue to update residents.</p> <p><u>Shop</u> Jayne has details of the advertisement for the lease – is well advertised. Jayne will distribute details to Residents Association.</p> | |
| 3. | <p>Minutes of previous meeting:</p> <p>Minutes of previous meeting: All agreed correct, MW proposed, YA seconded. All present voted that the minutes were a true and accurate reflection of the January meeting.</p> | |
| 4. | <p>Matters arising: See item 6.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Correspondence: Nil.</p> | |
| 6. | <p>Report back from officers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Public liability insurance Vice-Chair has explored options for annual policies. Can bolt on for money cover and volunteer cover etc. All agreed on policy underwritten by Zurich – up to 10 events per year, covers up to 500 visitors = £238.50 (annual cost). Vice-Chair will check key facts before ordering the policy. ▪ Newsletter Chair suggested that will need editorial staff to take ownership of newsletter and printing. Encouraged residents to consider | <p>Vice-Chair to bring detailed costings to March meeting.</p> |

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| | <p>whether they would like to take on editorial role. Discussed advertising options and update from local MPs etc. In terms of distribution – there are now approximately 550 occupied houses. IT Administrator will speak to newsagents re: cost of delivery. Advised that Royal Mail has a minimum charge of £500 so is not viable to use postal delivery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Event planning Easter egg hunt – Fundraiser has made contact with the school and will find out if we can assist with events. Treasurer met with arts officer and she advised that local artists can assist with this e.g. children painting eggs. ▪ Local events Information contained in newsletter about local events e.g. Civic Ball, litter pick, awards evening. ▪ District Community Centre Two workshops held recently regarding DCC – attended by Chair and Vice-Chair. Architectural ideas for building design discussed. Will include a Police Office, seating for 250 people and a stage. Jayne (SODC) advised that a further consultation is likely and would include residents’ views. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Garden area seen as a waste of space and possibly unsafe as is hidden. Suggestion to extend the foyer into the garden area. - Youth area – not currently meeting needs. Suggestion to be mainly open plan. - All issues due to shape of building. - Car parking – only 28 spaces, not enough. Will be close to pub and supermarket and may get used as an overflow. Multi-storey and underground parking is too expensive. - Management – SODC obliged to run the centre if no other options. - Security – further discussions required e.g. CCTV, shutting off certain sections if not in use. ▪ Notice Board Chair has spoken to Taylor Wimpey about getting further notice boards. Waiting for a response. Treasurer advised that arts project may also be able to assist. ▪ South & Vale Voluntary Sector Forum Forum held annually for voluntary groups – includes case speakers, workshops etc and is a good networking opportunity. Will be held during the afternoon of 12th March. Jayne Bolton will send flyer to Chair for distribution. | |
| 7. | <p>Things to be discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Art Project | |

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| | Treasurer gave explanation of GWP art project. £640,000 budget. Hoping to bring artist in residence to see how GWP integrates within the town and to create public art. Recruitment for this position will start soon. Treasurer will continue to feed back views to the RA. | |
| 8. | Q & A: N/A | |
| 9. | Resolutions: N/A | |
| 10. | Decisions taken by vote: N/A | |
| 11. | <p>AOB:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Minister for GWP Reverend Karen Beck (All Saints Church) advised that the Church has applied for a Minister at GWP. Hoping to buy a property at GWP for the appointed person to live in. Advert will go out shortly and aim for the person to be in post by September 2014. Karen hopes that this will benefit the community and help to build up community links. ▪ Milton Interchange and Chilton Interchange have secured funding for upgrades. ▪ Funding available for Science Vale e.g. for Oyster card type system in local area. ▪ Volkswagen Garage to built at Milton Interchange/Milton Park. ▪ Fundraising – if anyone is interested in getting involved, please contact Fundraiser Elaine Walsh. | |
| 12. | Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 20:40. | |
| Details of next meeting: | | Thursday 6th March 2014 at 7.30pm, Didcot Civic Centre. |