



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Wednesday 7 th June 2017 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chairman) - GC Natalie Hudson (Secretary) - NH Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR Cllr Ron Milton-Eldridge – RME David Brignall – DB John Boden – JB Linda Stannard - LS	Ruth Colman – RC Leon Anandan – LA Sarah Ifill - SI Libby Hawkness-Smith – LHS Julie Joyce – JJ Paul Joyce – PJ Bala Ariga - BA

Agenda

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9	Close meeting – date of next meeting

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1.	Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer	
2.	Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.	All present
3.	Matters arising:	

	<p>3.1 Election of Vice-Chair: Following last month's meeting/AGM, David Brignall volunteered for the position of Vice-Chair of the GWPRA. Proposed by GC and agreed by all. Webmaster role remains vacant.</p>	
4.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>4.1 Taylor Wimpey – Speeding & dog walking Following a complaint of speeding from a resident, Chair contacted Rebecca Bowker (Taylor Wimpey) who confirmed that the Contractors had been made aware of the issue. The responsible person was identified and disciplined. No further concerns highlighted. Speed limit signs are now correct and enforceable on the Northern part of GWP and the Southern part is being addressed. Dog walking – Rebecca Bowker confirmed there is no specific space for dogs in any planning but can use the leisure route which is large and should be suitable.</p> <p>4.2 Housing documentary – Blast! Films – Claire Cahill Blast! Films have contacted GWPRA Chair regarding two documentaries about new housing developments. Chair suggested they attend upcoming events. Community Chaplains interested in contributing.</p> <p>4.3 Doctors Surgery – SODC – Lucy Mori The corner site next to the District Centre Shops was agreed in the s.106 for a 4 GP practice but nothing has been formalised with the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group (OCCG) or NHS yet in spite of efforts by District Councils. Since 2008, the OCCG has changed their strategy concerning GP surgeries and has also reassessed the GP needs for the Didcot area. This means that they are now looking for a larger GP practice. SODC have met the OCCG, NHS and County Council 2-3 times in the past 6 months to discuss health planning. Looking at enlarging the facility planned for GWP, further meeting in June 2017.</p>	
5.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>5.1 Presentation to Founding Chairman John Boden: Chair gave thanks to the GWPRA's Founding Chairman John Boden and presented him with a gift from the Committee.</p> <p>5.2 Meeting with the Land Trust Executives: Chair attended a meeting with the Land Trust on 22nd May and had a discussion about the community centre project. Agreed that if the Land Trust gets their proposal signed off for managing the land and community centres, they would be happy to work with the GWPRA to manage these.</p> <p>5.3 Planning applications: Pharmacy provision at GWP District Centre:</p>	

Pharmacy application hearing on 14th June at 12.30pm – Chair will put the information on Facebook to see if a resident can attend.

Several planning applications are available via links on the GWPRA website, including Northern Neighbourhood Allotments, Nursery (District Neighbourhood Centre), District Community Centre, Southern Neighbourhood Park). Residents are invited to submit comments.

5.4 Community Parking Watch:

Problems related to dangerous or antisocial parking have long been reported and continue to be discussed at the Residents Association. Over the course of 2016, plans were started to introduce a Community Parking Watch Scheme, operating in a similar manner to Community Speed Watch Schemes. As a precursor to investing in the scheme a survey of the current parking situation will be undertaken. Volunteers to administer this – approximately an hour's walk and recording. Idea is to make it simple – make a colour coded mark on a map of the development. If anyone is interested contact Vice-Chair, who is running this.

5.5 Speeding concerns on GWP:

Following the death of a pet, a crash and countless reports of near misses and extreme speeders on the GWP roads, the GWPRA had already started a project looking into community road safety but was keen to find out more on the consensus. To quantify the community concern, a Poll was conducted in May/June 2017:

The GWPRA Facebook poll asked, "Do you feel the Roads on GWP are adequately safe for all users?"

115 GWP Residents Responded with, "No, I have concerns that the roads are not as safe as they should be."

A further 17 Residents responded, "Yes, I feel the roads are perfectly safe as they are without additional measures."

This represents a very considerable, 87% of Residents having safety concerns over the current safety of the roads on GWP.

5.6 Outreach Project:

Proposal to purchase equipment e.g. popcorn or candy floss machine for events to generate income and loan to partners. Already interest from PTA's at local schools for summer events. Normally £50 hire but could do £30 hire with ingredients and give partners/charities the chance to make a profit also. Other ideas and volunteers welcome. Storage may be an issue as the GWPRA does not have its own storage at present.

5.7 Opening Ceremony for Phase 1 Defibrillator project:

Planning to hold an opening ceremony this summer at Boundary Park. Community chaplains can assist in ensuring residents are aware of the location of the defibrillator.

5.8 Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre:

Now has acoustic tiles on the interior roof – has made a big

	<p>difference. Bin store has been converted to a shed.</p> <p>5.9 Stepnell Construction Site Visit to District Centre: Site visit went well and was useful for both residents and the construction firm.</p>	
6.	<p>Things to be discussed: n/a</p>	
7.	<p>Q & A: n/a</p>	
8.	<p>AOB: GWP Community Chaplains Sarah and Libby introduced themselves and explained that they are available to support residents in a variety of ways. They will be on GWP in the Community Chaplains bus – all welcome.</p>	
9.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.40pm. Next meeting: Venue Boundary Park Pavilion Wednesday 5th July 2017 at 7.30pm.</p>	