



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 11 th September 2017 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chairman) - GC David Brignall (Vice-Chair) – DB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) - NH Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR John Boden - JB Sarah Ifil – SI Linda Stannard - LS Abi Brown (South & Vale) – AB	Anne Richardson (South & Vale) – AR Jackie Logan (SOHA) – JL Cllr. Ian Snowdon – IS Darren Lambert (ASDA) - DL Michael Powell (ASDA) – MP Alan Jones (ASDA) - AJ

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1.	Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Mark Bodeker – GWP Church Libby: Community Chaplain	

2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.</p>	All present
3.	<p>Guest speakers:</p> <p>3.1 ASDA – Michael Powell, Darren Lambert & Alan Jones</p> <p>The two store managers Michael Powell and Darren Lambert have been working on the opening of the ASDA at the District Centre. Alan Jones is a Senior Communications Manager at Head Office in Leeds and is happy to be available for residents if they have any queries.</p> <p>The new Didcot ASDA store is opening on 30th October – soft launch on Monday getting bigger by the Saturday. The store will be a similar size to the Aylesbury store and will be approximately a quarter of the size of the Wheatley store. It will be small but will have the click and collect facility, full pizza counter, rotisserie, bakery, large food to go range and kiosk. The managers are hoping for more of a community/corner shop feel for day-to-day shopping and uses a single price point. Currently recruiting for 35 positions – mostly filled by people from Didcot which was the aim. The store is located within a cluster of shops, which it is hoped will encourage people to come to their local centre rather than go into the centre of the town.</p> <p>All managers will be first aid trained and they will be requesting a defibrillator to be installed in the store. Store managers would like to attend the GWPRA meetings on a regular basis and next time will bring the Wheatley Community Colleague and the Transport Manager.</p> <p>Q: Will there be a community fund for community projects? A: Due to the size of the store there won't be a Community Colleague but ideas are being worked on for a way to do this. ASDA has a foundation – has a website where local groups and charities can make funding applications with support of a Community Colleague (can speak to the Wheatley store representative about this). Store Managers can assist with other support i.e. assistance with community events/food and beverages.</p> <p>Q: How many parking spaces there will be and what restrictions will be in place? A: Just under 100 spaces including disabled and parent and child. Parking will be limited to 2 hours and ANPR cameras are in place to enforce this. Delivery restrictions from midnight – 6am. Soundproof barrier in place.</p> <p>Q: Will there be any extra services such as dry cleaning? A: There won't be a dry cleaning service due to the size of the store. Can collect items from George at ASDA and other sites including Amazon, ASOS etc.</p>	All present

	<p>3.2 Abi Brown, Arts Development Officer (South & Vale)</p> <p>Abi provided an update on local art projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Artist Rachel Barbaresi has been working with the schools on a piece of art work for the stairwell of the Pavilion. She also created the sign at the entrance to the pavilion – feedback welcome. - Community felt project for the acoustic panels for the NNCC is now completed. - Sculpture outside UTC due to be installed in November. Artist Michael Condron is hoping to provide assistance to the UTC by way of talks/workshops. - Cornerstone Arts Centre happy to assist the GWPRA with activities. Lantern Parade taking place on 18th November. - Public Art Strategy is now out-dated and Abi would like residents to offer suggestions as to how to spend the arts money. Suggested new notice boards and Chair suggested locations of the notice boards to be near to the major bus stops. Agreed that Abi and colleagues would work on some designs/proposals to show at a future GWPRA meeting. - Map of GWP – on-going work as the development is still in progress. Discussion re: how it would be best to present the finished map. - Aureus School – Head teacher has offered a lot of the facilities for community use. Abi would like to assist the GWPRA with networking where possible. Abi advised that schools receive a 50% discount on defibrillators so it may be worth liaising with one of the GWP schools. 	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>4.1 Pharmacy appeal: 98% of residents polled by the GWPRA online wanted a pharmacy at GWP. The result of the appeal is that there will now be a Pharmacy opening in the District Centre, at the same time as the other shops. The full approval letter can be found on our website – www.gwpra.org.uk</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>5.1 Driving Standards and Speeding: Resident James Smith published results of a speeding analysis on the GWPRA Facebook page. The report did not state how he measured this. Mr Smith was invited to the meeting today but could not attend.</p> <p>Another resident reported a cement lorry driving dangerously. Chair reported to Taylor Wimpey Project Manager who will escalate this.</p> <p>Vice-Chair requested that the ASDA Managers confirm and share</p>	

	their transport plans as soon as possible.	
6.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>6.1 Summer events update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 'Beers on the Boundary' was attended by 1200 people. Estimated £2000 profit, event will run again next year. - 'GWP Activities Week' was successful – 1900 attendees (1200 children). Did not make a loss and sustainable for next year. BBQ evening was short on volunteers and ran out of food – positive that it was a popular event. Thanks to GWP Church and all the other supporters. 	
7.	<p>Things to be discussed:</p> <p>7.1 Community Defibrillator Training: Venue will be the Pavilion, Boundary Park. Issue raised of how to book places – DR suggested asking residents via Facebook to see how much interest there is. AB can ask Cornerstone for assistance with booking systems. Suggested people book a space and then bring a donation with them in place of a fee. JL suggested using 'Eventbrite', a free service, which can then issue tickets for individuals to appear on their phone/device.</p> <p>7.2 GWPRA Christmas Event 2017: Will liaise with other local groups to ensure there are no clashes. Anticipate it will be a popular event again and that the biggest issue will be securing volunteers to assist with this. Chair attended event to meet with local councillors who can be available to assist. AR suggested using the new Oxfordshire Volunteering website to advertise for volunteers. Chair would like to form a sub-committee for this event – please contact chairperson@gwpra.org.uk if you are able to help.</p>	
8.	<p>Q & A:</p> <p>See item 3.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>9.1 Outreach Project: Laura Shorthouse (manager of the new Station Garden pub) offered to assist the GWPRA and will attend the next meeting. Other businesses have been approached.</p> <p>9.2 Community Centres Project: New NNCC Manager Anne Richardson in attendance at the meeting. On-going discussion re: progress of the District Community Centre. Plans for the exterior of the building are due to be submitted soon.</p>	

	<p>9.3 Date of future GWPRA meetings: GWPRAs meetings have now changed to the second Monday of every month to ensure there are no clashes with other groups and activities at the Pavilion.</p> <p>9.4 GWPRA communication: Chair advised that the GWPRA website and Facebook page receive a lot of views, demonstrating that there are lots of people reading the updates and keeping up to date with events etc. Chair expressed his thanks to the residents who attend the meetings and offer their support.</p>	
10.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 9th October 2017 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion – there will be free popcorn!</p>	