



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 9 th October 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 Sarah Ifil – SI Ron Milton-Eldridge – RME Denise Macdonald – DM	Pam Siggers - PS Ian Snowdon – IS Michael Powell (ASDA) – MP Michaela Nicholas (McCarthy & Stone) – MN Nick Collingwood (Station Garden Pub Deputy Manager) - NW

Agenda

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10	Close meeting – date of next meeting

Action No	Action
1.	Chair to speak to Taylor Wimpey Project Manager about bin collections.
2.	Chair to contact other housing associations to see if they can offer support for the GWPRRA Christmas event.
3.	Chair to propose a 'no cold callers zone' scheme on Facebook and GWPRRA website.

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1.	<p>Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Mark Bodeker – GWP Church</p>	
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 McCarthy & Stone, Williams Place - Michaela Nicholas (Sales Executive) Michaela spoke about the Williams Place retirement living development. Suitable for anyone 70+, not illness related. Opportunity for people to move into retirement sector, safe and secure environment, 24-hour care on site if needed. Restaurant available 7 days a week. 3 course meal at lunch time for £4 a day. Daily activities available. Not a care home – spread the word!</p> <p>Show apartments opening in November. 60 apartments – first ones will be ready from February. All for sale, not rent – not an investment opportunity. There is a service charge, but McCarthy & Stone are very transparent - cost information given upfront. Will have a defibrillator. McCarthy & Stone may be able to sponsor a further defibrillator at GWP. Will be recruiting for staff who live locally. “A place to call home” – advertising campaign, shops and associations involved. No cost to any of the companies involved.</p> <p>Michaela is based in UTC car park, will have a sales office – can show people around from beginning of November. 07788 340254 (Michaela’s work mobile number). Please get in touch if you have any questions.</p> <p>3.2 ASDA update (Michael Powell, Store Manager): New ASDA store will open on 30th October as planned. Still recruiting for staff. Traffic update – ASDA distribution traffic will not go through GWP. Residents grateful for this. ASDA cannot donate a defibrillator but they are working on a funding project so GWPR can purchase one. Health and safety training for store staff taking place from 20th October so all staff will be trained prior to opening.</p> <p>Community Champion Angie Young introduced herself to residents at the meeting. She is based in Wheatley but covers a large geographical area. Angie is happy to be contacted by residents - angie.young@asda.co.uk. Has a monthly budget and has to decide where the money can be donated. Role is varied – mainly co-ordinating applications for the ASDA foundation, works in schools and clubs around healthy eating. Can also assist in person with community events, but does get booked up quickly.</p>	

	<p>3.3 Station Garden Pub (Nick Collingwood, Deputy Manager): Pre-launch events on 21st and 22nd October – £5 discount per person, booking is recommended as Saturday is quite booked up already. Official opening on 23rd October. Fully recruited – local staff.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>4.1 Community Notice Boards initial proposal (provided by Rachel Barbaresi):</p> <p>Chair presented proposal on Rachel's behalf (available on GWPRA website).</p> <p>Questions/comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chair suggested Perspex cover and lockable in order to ensure notices remain on the board and the content is appropriate. - Would there be an option for a locked section and a "free for all" section for anyone to pin notices – half and half? - Location – near the district centre would be useful. - Who will be responsible for ensuring the content is kept up to date? Hopefully a group of volunteers, with a link person from the Parish and Town councils. <p>Chair will publish the proposal on the GWPRA Facebook page for further comments/suggestions and will give feedback to Rachel.</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>5.1 Litter at GWP E-mail received from family member of a resident who has noticed littering (particularly from the builders), a lack of bins and overflowing bins at GWP. Chair will speak to Taylor Wimpey Project Manager about bin collections. RME mentioned that he has received communication from Taylor Wimpey stating that they have some news bins for GWP. Unclear when and where these will be installed.</p>	Chair
6.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>6.1 Community Defibrillator: Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre (phase 2) defibrillator has been installed. GWPRA running Guardianship on behalf of SODC. Community training to start soon.</p> <p>6.2 GWPRA Christmas Event: Will take place on Friday 8th December 2017, 7pm, Boundary Park Pavilion. The event will be supported by the GWP Community Church, Boundary Park Sports Association and SOHA. Chair will contact other housing associations to see if they can offer support. Same activities as last year planned – town band for carols,</p>	Chair

	<p>children's activities, raffle, mulled wine and mince pies etc. Please contact chairperson@gwpra.org.uk if you can assist or donate prizes.</p>	
7.	<p>Things to be discussed:</p> <p>7.1 No Cold Caller Zones: Sarah Russell has suggested setting up 'no cold caller zones' in GWP. The scheme is operated by Oxfordshire County Council. 14 zones across Oxfordshire to date. RME has experience of this and has found it useful. Residents suggested this could be done street by street. Chair will propose this to residents online.</p>	Chair
8.	<p>Q & A:</p> <p>8.1 Street lighting: Resident requested via Facebook how to report the defective street lights. Chair suggested we compile a list for Taylor Wimpey and will send to Rebecca Bowker.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>9.1 GWPRA website: Recent upgrade by RME and now providing more secure SSL and much faster.</p> <p>9.2 New Councils Session: Meeting being held on 31st October, National Association of Local Councils, Milton Keynes. Asked if a representative would like to attend, they will pay expenses. RME may be able to attend.</p> <p>9.3 Poppy Appeal Volunteers: Royal British Legion looking for volunteers for 2017 appeal. Further details available on the GWPRA website and Facebook page. Please contact jrunderwood@virginmedia.com if you would like to assist.</p> <p>9.4 Hosting of Actors: Actors for Cornerstone's Christmas Show will require accommodation from 13th November to 31st December (except for 25th December). Spare rooms/host families will receive £100 per week. Further details available on the GWPRA website and Facebook page. Please contact sandra.varney@southoxon.gov.uk if you are interested.</p> <p>9.5 Jobs: New local businesses are still recruiting which is good for people seeking employment in GWP and nearby. GWPRA happy to assist with advertising local job opportunities.</p> <p>9.6 Fireworks: Resident asked if fireworks can be set off at GWP parks. Chair</p>	

	confirmed that fireworks cannot be set off on public land. Residents should only set off fireworks in their own gardens. Chair will publish information online to share this with residents. RME reminded residents about the organised fireworks events in Didcot.	
10.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.45pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 13th November 2017 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	