



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 13 th November 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 Bill Major – BM Jacqui Oldham – JO Margaret Ewen - ME	Rachel Brignall – RB John Boden – JB Ian Snowdon – IS Mark Bodeker – MB Louise Turner – LT Tony Turner – TT Libby Hawkness-Smith - LHS Nev Keating – NK Pam Siggers - PS

Agenda

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Action No	Action
	No actions set.

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1.	Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Hannah Wilson – Aureus School	

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 Bill Major, Didcot Volunteer Centre DVC provides a transport service for the community to enable residents to attend medical appointments seven days a week. Have 500 clients throughout Didcot and the villages and 27 drivers. Seeking more volunteer drivers – need a vehicle with insurance and will be subject a DBS check. The client reimburses the driver at the HMRC rate of 45p per mile. Hours can be flexible. There is preferential parking available at most hospitals. Also seeking office volunteers to work between 10am and 12pm Monday to Friday (can choose which days they work) to organise the transport and record this. There is a requirement to keep records as the organisation is funded by local councils.</p> <p>E-mail didcotvolunteercentre@talktalk.net for further information. Website: www.didcotvolunteercentre.org.uk</p> <p>3.2 Nev Keating, The Boys Brigade & Girls Association Gave a presentation about the association, it's aims and successes. Work closely with the schools in Didcot, including the new schools at Great Western Park. Aiming to launch at Great Western Park in 2018 – two associations already in Didcot at All Saints and St. Peter's. Seeking volunteers with a range of interests from all age groups – full training is provided. No set number of hours to volunteer, can fit around individual's commitments. If you are interested, please contact Nev Keating on 01491 652602 or via the Community Chaplains. Website: www.boys-brigade.org.uk</p> <p>3.3 Mark Bodeker, GWP Church donation for defibrillator Chair thanked Mark and the GWP Church for the £200 donation to the defibrillator project raised during activities week. Mark spoke about the activities week – 1200 children attended. GWP Church wanted to recognise the work of the GWP Residents Association in helping bring the community together.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>4.1 Bin collections E-mail sent to Rebecca Bowker – Taylor Wimpey GWP Project Manager. Rebecca responded stating that the frequency of the public bin collections is being reviewed. Reports of bin issues or others on development prior to adoption to Taylor Wimpey Customer Services: oxfordshirecustomerservices@taylorwimpey.com or telephone 01235 541971.</p> <p>4.2 Street Lighting RME updated that Taylor Wimpey have done their own survey re:</p>	

	<p>street lights out and has passed the findings to SSE for them to rectify.</p> <p>4.3 Housing Association Support SOHA continuing to support GWPRA. Rachael Butcher from Sovereign has been contacted to see if she can offer assistance by way of financial support, volunteering at events and/or advice. Other avenues to be investigated.</p> <p>4.4 No Cold Callers Zone interest poll Facebook poll gave 107 residents preferring a reduction in cold caller doorstep sellers vs 7 residents happy with the ways things are. Trading Standards do some research about the number of crime, doorstep crime incidents and the profile of area. They then decide whether to implement the zone. If the decision is negative, can implement a zone ourselves.</p>	
5.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>Nil.</p>	
6.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>6.1 Community Defibrillator Project Training Defibrillator training session Friday 1st December 2017 6.00-8.00pm, Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre. Arranged in conjunction with SODC. Agreed to offer this training to the school, sports pavilion and other groups if take-up is low. You must be over 14 to attend the training.</p> <p>Book free tickets: https://www.gwptra.org.uk/gwp-community-defibrillator-seminar</p> <p>6.2 Christmas Event – Friday 8th December 2017</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Currently low on raffle prizes – please donate if you can. Community Chaplains happy to help ask for donations from local companies. One issue is that the GWPRA does not have charitable status, therefore some large companies are reluctant to donate. - SOHA donated £200. - Boundary park providing the venue. - 'Ynot Treat Yourself' providing children's disco. - Marion and Ollie booked for live singing. - Carols and volunteers from local faith groups. - District Arts asked to confirm children's craft activity. - Sponsors and activities need to be agreed by 20.11.2017 so that posters can be created and distributed. <p>6.3 Website FAQ RME has added an FAQ section to the GWPRA website to assist residents in finding information: https://www.gwptra.org.uk/residents-faq Includes local providers of services and contact details for</p>	

	<p>developers etc. GWPRFA Facebook group now has over 500 members.</p>	
7.	<p>Things to be discussed:</p> <p>7.1 GWP Footpath links – Ian Snowdon District Councillor Ian Snowdon has been looking to improve the poor footpath links between GWP and Slade/Freeman Roads. Currently exploring funding options from local councils and Oxfordshire County Council. Councillors have access to grants to help local groups (applications deadline is 19th December). Get in touch if you know of any worthy causes in the South Oxfordshire District or have any issues you would like to discuss with Ian: ian.snowdon@southoxon.gov.uk</p> <p>7.2 Didcot Rugby Union Football Club Boundary Park Sports Association Representative and Chair were invited to watch the match on 21st October 2017. Sports Clubs actively use the excellent facilities – pitches almost at capacity at weekends. This also provides live sports entertainment for those residents who are interested.</p>	
8.	<p>Q & A:</p> <p>8.1 Trees in Holly Lane front gardens are being chopped down by residents – will they be replaced? RME can e-mail Rebecca Bowker (Taylor Wimpey) with details if needed. DB advised that some trees have been maliciously damaged and not replaced. Some residents have taken down trees to create extra parking spaces.</p>	
9.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>9.1 Tesco charity boxes: Didcot Volunteer Centre is currently one of the charities seeking donations via the blue token scheme at Tesco in Didcot.</p> <p>9.2 Injured cats: Reports via social media of several cats being injured/shaved etc on GWP recently. Does not seem to be a pattern or explanation for this.</p>	
10.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.10pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion. Chair unavailable so Vice-Chair will lead the meeting.</p>	