



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 12 th February 2018 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chair) - GC David Brignall (Vice-Chair) – DB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) – NH Ron Milton-Eldridge – IT Admin Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR Denise Macdonald – DM Sarah Ifill - SI Louise Turner – LT Tony Turner - TT Alistair Dorman-Smith – ADS Mark Hurley – MH Joanne Hunt - JH	Paul Costello - PC Ian Snowdon – IS Tammi Williams – TW Jaco Mare – JM Gemma Mulvey – GM Daniel Merritt – DM Ruth Colman - RC Rebecca Bowker – RB (Taylor Wimpey) Mark Hewer - MHE (South & Vale) Lucy Mori – LM (South & Vale)

Agenda

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Action No	Action
1.	Chair to contact the County Council regarding road safety issues.

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1.	<p>Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Sunita Sharma Nick Hards</p>	
2.	<p>2.1 Guest speaker: Rebecca Bowker, Taylor Wimpey GWP Project Manager</p> <p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Northern Neighbourhood Park has been delayed. Waiting to lay surface on tennis court area. Hoping to be ready for summer. Skate park is nearly ready – some children have managed to break through the fence. Please ensure that children do not enter this area until it is open. - Southern neighbourhood – there will also be a park, MUGA and community centre in this area. Rebecca is seeking suggestions about what kind of activities may take place there to assist with layout of the building. Chair identified that storage (including outside storage) is missing from the northern centre and it would be good for this to be included in the plans for the southern centre. Resident asked for consideration to be given to a higher ceiling for bouncy castles. - Planning permission has now been granted for the District Community Centre. Due to start building the centre this summer. - South & Vale are looking to put together a community focus group to ensure that the community buildings at GWP aren't competing with others in the area and provide spaces which are needed. - Road adoption – making required changes at the moment, but is still progressing. - Litter bins – Chair identified that there is a lack of bins at GWP which is causing litter problems. Resident also advised that there is a problem with contractors' litter. Rebecca will look into this. - Driving on footpaths – happening a lot, particularly on Mallard Way. Residents advised that some of the bollards have been placed too far apart which allows this to happen. Rebecca confirmed that these bollards are due to be moved closer together. 	
3.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.</p>	All present
4.	<p>Actions arising:</p>	

	<p>4.1 Ian Snowdon to discover the progress on planning for the GWP GP Surgery with the District Council and GC to write to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group. Chair has written to the Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group, but has not had a response. Mark Hewer offered to assist with this.</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>5.2 Driving on footpaths (see discussion in 2.1)</p> <p>5.3 Didcot Town Council Annual Litter Pick This is taking place on Saturday 24th March in three locations across Didcot. Chair requested again for GWP to be included. DTC responded: “Historically Didcot Town Council has tended to organise litter picks on its own land. This year Councillors made an unusual decision to add an area that doesn’t belong to us, due to a specifically identified need. We would encourage you to speak to members of the Environment Committee so that they are aware of your keenness for consideration of Great Western Park as a future potential choice of litter pick venue.” Residents disappointed with this response as DTC are collecting a large amount of revenue from GWP council tax but this area does not seem to be benefitting from this. IS suggested getting involved with the National Spring Clean Up which takes place during the first weekend of March – major retailers e.g. Costa involved. Litter Committee will consider this.</p>	
6.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>6.1 BBC Radio Oxford Community Project Georgie Sullivan contacted the GWPRA requesting to talk to someone about life in Great Western Park and Didcot in general.</p> <p>6.2 Beyond the Pixels Photography Contact from Coreen Merryweather, regarding Easter family photo shoot:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Priced to cover hall hire costs • Aim to help support the community • Offered to assist GWPRA in documenting future community events without charge Poster available on GWPRA website.	
7.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>7.1 Road Safety Project Update Thanks to grant fully funding the hardware from Cllr. Ian Snowdon. Chair is due to collect the equipment from London and do the training on it. Equipment includes a new laptop which will belong to the GWPRA. Will start using the equipment this week to generate evidence of speeding/traffic volume etc. Aiming to record various</p>	Chair

	<p>areas at GWP for 7 day periods. RME mentioned the main junction into GWP and the increasing volume of traffic turning right into GWP. Junction is not big enough for the volume of traffic and is unsafe. Long-term plan is to make the A4130 a dual carriageway. Chair to contact the County Council regarding this issue.</p> <p>7.2 Charity application Full charitable status application submitted on 8th February. Result of submission could take up to eight weeks due to high volume of applications. There would be many benefits if the application is approved.</p>	
8.	<p>Things to be discussed:</p> <p>n/a</p>	
9.	<p>Q & A:</p> <p>n/a</p>	
10.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>10.1 UTC Open Day – 28th February 4.30-7.00pm GWPRRA will be there as part of the Outreach Project with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rainbow Candyfloss • Projector slide show • Business cards <p>If anyone can assist with this please contact Chair.</p> <p>10.2 SO Charitable Lottery – 28th February 2pm If anyone can attend please contact Chair.</p> <p>10.3 Thanks to Paul Costello and BPSA for letting us use the venue – this is very much appreciated. Presentation of gift, personally provided by Chair & Mark Bodeker, to Gemma (former Boundary Park Manager) and Dan (Ynot Treat Yourself) for assistance with organising the Christmas 2017 community event.</p>	
11.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 12th March 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	