



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 12 th March 2018 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chair) - GC David Brignall (Vice-Chair) – DB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) - NH Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep.) – DR Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) – RME John Boden – JB Vicki Owen – VO Mark Bodeker - MB	Ian Snowdon – IS Sarah Ifill - SI Jaco Mare – JM Tony Turner - TT Abi Brown – AB (VOWHDC) Rachel Barbaresi – RB (Artist) Rodney Harris – RH (Artist) PCSO Chris Wyatt - CW

Agenda

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9	Close meeting – date of next meeting

Action No	Action
1.	Chair to continue with the road safety project.
2.	Chair to continue to explore charitable status application.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
1.	Guest speakers: 1.1 Presentation from Rodney Harris (Artist working on the District Community Centre)	

	<p>Rod has been commissioned to enhance the exterior of the District Community Centre. Would like to get ideas from residents and schools to create a piece of sculpture which reflects the community. There is the potential for the carvings to be on the glass atrium section and brickwork. Once Rod has developed some ideas, he will post some images on the GWPRA Facebook page for residents to comment. This will also be shared on the GWPRA website.</p> <p>1.2 Presentation from Rachel Barbaresi (Artist working on the Community Noticeboards)</p> <p>Rachel's designs have previously been shown at GWPRA meetings. She updated residents that the preferred design is for a locked noticeboard which would be managed by nominated people. There would be a post-box next to the noticeboard for people to put posters/adverts etc for the nominated people to display. The noticeboards would be made of a combination of steel and aluminium. The next step is to confirm locations and the colour scheme for the noticeboards. Rachel suggested creating a Facebook poll for residents to vote for the locations and colour scheme of the noticeboards. DB suggested that we also consider locations in the part of GWP south of the Wantage Road.</p> <p>Rachel also updated residents on designs for the atrium of the Pavilion. She has been working with pupils from the GEMS Primary School to create the designs.</p> <p>1.3 Introduction from Chris Wyatt – Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) for Didcot Neighbourhood Team</p> <p>Chris knows the area/community well and along with his team tries to patrol the area as much as possible. Chris is happy to talk to residents about issues/concerns. Chris attends the Community Café on Thursdays to meet with residents. Chair updated that it is hoped the Neighbourhood Policing Team will be able to meet with residents at the new District Community Centre once it is open.</p>	
2.	<p>Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer</p>	
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 Contact regarding Road Safety Issues (see 7.1)</p>	
5.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>5.1 Progress on the allotments Request for an update by residents as activity seems to have ceased since the GWPRA response to planning. Email sent to</p>	

	Mark Hewer requesting progress update.	
6.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>6.1 Oxfordshire Community and Voluntary Action (OCVA) South & Vale VCS Forum event on 14th March at the Cornerstone Arts Centre. Best Voluntary and Community Group in South Oxfordshire and in the Vale of White Horse. Please visit www.ocva.org.uk for more information and how to nominate. Closes at midday on 10th April 2018.</p>	
7.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>7.1 Road Safety Project Update Equipment already deployed at two locations along Sir Frank Williams Avenue for seven days each:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Corner North of Community Centre. 2. Adjacent to tennis courts. Slight delay due to adverse weather. Full results to be published after several locations completed. <p>Results from location 1: Weekly traffic volume 44,000. At peak times, the rate is 500 vehicles per hour/one car every seven seconds. 42mph maximum recorded and 30% of all vehicles were speeding. Chair suggested this may seem lower than expected and may be due to volume of traffic. Chair welcomed suggestions for future locations. Will continue collecting the data and submit this to the County Council for consideration of further safety measures.</p> <p>7.2 Charity Application Response from Mark Edwards at the Charity Commission received on 28th February 2018 – rejecting the application. Response detailed that all organisational aims must be charitable to qualify. Noted that many of the GWPRA aims, especially the projects for road safety and the defibrillator were charitable. Also noted that from evidence the GWPRA was achieving both its charitable and other community aims. There are three options: challenge decision, amend constitution or discontinue. Residents would like clarity on what is regarded as a charitable purpose, rather than a good purpose. Mark Edwards from the Charity Commission has offered to provide further guidance. AB will send some guidance and suggestions to Chair. Residents suggested checking if any other RA's have charitable status. Agreed to pursue this.</p> <p>7.3 UTC Open Day Wednesday 28th February GWPRA attended as part of the Outreach Project with rainbow candyfloss (30+ servings) and projector slide show presentation. Thanks to helpers Libby (Community Chaplain) for set up and Daniel Merrit (ynottreatyourself.co.uk) for operating the stand.</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>Chair</p>

8.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>8.1 Easter activities on GWP Beyond the Pixels Photography Friday 30th March 10.00-14.00 - £10 family photo shoots.</p> <p>Easter Celebration on 31st March 2-4pm, Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre. Services will be held at the UTC over the Easter weekend. Further details will be published on the GWPRA Facebook and website.</p> <p>8.2 Aspire: Unlocking Potential - Employment & Development Outreach Can support those aged 17-21 who are out of employment or education. Contact Matt Leggett. More information: www.upoxfordshire.org www.aspireoxford.co.uk</p> <p>8.3 OCC consultation on cycle paths on Wantage Road Public consultation online – details will be published on the GWPRA Facebook and website. DB encouraged residents to have a look and submit their views.</p>	
9.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 9th April 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	