



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 14 th May 2018 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chair) – GC David Brignall (Vice-Chair) - DB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) - NH John Boden – JB Tammi Williams – TW Ian Snowdon – IS Sarah Ifill - SI	Jaco Mare – JM Nicola Wyer – NW (SODC) Ali Adams – AA (UTC) Rodney Harris – RA (Sculptor) Alison Ashcroft – AAS (Gems Primary School)

Agenda

Item	Agenda Item
	Guest Speaker
1	Apologies for absence
2	Minutes of previous meeting
4	Matters arising
5	Correspondence
6	Report back (from officers)
7	AOB
8	Close meeting – date of next meeting

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Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
	<p>Guest Speaker Artwork proposal for District Community Centre (Rod Harris, Sculptor)</p> <p>Following on from Rod's last visit, workshops have taken place with lots of children and adults at GWP, exploring what science means to them to influence ideas for the project. Examples include curiosity, unlimited possibilities, sense of the unknown. A young person suggested a theatre curtain, as a metaphor for discovery,</p>	

	<p>curiosity and revealing the unknown, which is proposed as the main piece of art work. The sculpture will be carved within the west wall of the District Community Centre (opposite the shops).</p> <p>Another idea was for a miniature door on the south wall of the building. The door would be symbolic of entering a magic world of the imagination and will provide a link between the primary school, nursery and community centre.</p> <p>Studio visit – members of the public have asked if this can happen. Rod would like this and for residents to contribute to the carving.</p> <p>JB suggested that an explanation/description of the purpose of the artwork is included on or near to the sculpture.</p> <p>Rod’s proposal will be published on the GWPRA website and Facebook page so that residents can submit comments/suggestions.</p>	
1.	<p>Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Ron Milton-Eldridge – IT Admin Dave Roberts – BPSA Rep Mark Bodeker - GWP Minister Ann Richardson: NNCC Manager Libby Hawkness-Smith – Community Chaplain</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.</p>	All present
3.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>3.1 Fly-tipping has been raised as an ongoing issue. Developer aware.</p>	
4.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>4.1 n/a</p>	
5.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>5.1 Summary of the past year: Chairman provided a summary of the GWPRA’s achievements over the past year and details regarding ongoing projects. Further details available here.</p>	
6.	<p>Dissolution of current Committee: Committee dissolved at 8.15pm.</p>	
7.	<p>Election of new Committee:</p>	

	<p>Chairperson: Gareth Clarke elected Secretary: Natalie Hudson elected Treasurer: Paula Walters elected (in her absence) Webmaster: Jaco Mare elected Vice Chair: David Brignall elected Boundary Park Sports Association Rep: Dave Roberts elected (in his absence) IT Admin: Ron Milton-Eldridge elected (in his absence) Events Coordinator: Position not filled</p> <p>New Committee elected at 8.20pm.</p> <p>Discussion re: future events, starting planning for Christmas event early and forming a small sub-group.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>8.1 Work is now taking place to improve the footpath towards the town centre. DB thanked Ian Snowdon for pursuing this issue.</p> <p>8.2 Damage to a bollard at the end of The Poplars was dealt with quickly by Taylor Wimpey.</p> <p>8.3 Planning application discussed at the April meeting – GWPRA objected. Didcot Town Council will be objecting on grounds of lack of healthcare provision in the area.</p> <p>8.4 JB suggested a ‘safe haven’ project – safe places for young people to go if in conflict/exploitation situations, with clear signage. AA advised that Didcot Collaborative Youth Project is being formed – sent out questionnaires to young people. Large proportion mentioned that they wanted safe places to meet with their friends at zero/low cost. AA stated that this sort of scheme previously operated in Didcot town centre. Will look into this in terms of whether it was successful and if this is worth trialling at GWP.</p> <p>8.5 Nicola Wyer (SODC) introduced herself – part of regeneration team, Lucy Mori has left SODC. Community Centre plans are progressing. Will be meeting with the GWPRA to discuss requirements for the centre. District Centre should be finished in May 2019.</p>	
9.	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 8.30pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 11th June 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	