



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 9 th July 2018 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chair) - GC David Brignall (Vice-Chair) – DB Natalie Hudson (Secretary) – NH Jaco Mare (Webmaster) – JM Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) - RME Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep) - DR	John Boden - JB Tammi Williams – TW Mark Bodeker – MB Craig Rouse – CR Vicki Owen – VO Sangita Uppal – SU (Day Lewis Pharmacy) Nicola Wyer – NW (SODC)

Agenda

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

Action No	Action
1.	NW to seek clarification re: size of the proposed GP surgery.
2.	GC to contact Rebecca Bowker about the dog waste bins issue.
3.	GC to submit rejection to planning application.
4.	DB/GC to request support from residents via Facebook in seeking someone who is legally qualified and able to assist with road safety issue.
5.	RME to raise issue of dangerous junction with OCC Highways.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
	<p>Guest Speaker – Nicola Wyer (South Oxfordshire District Council)</p> <p>Health centre update – Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group issued a statement: working with councils due to increase in demand – new contract could grow by 20k. Preparing a business case to take to NHS England. Looking to secure a plot of land and funding for a new GP premises at GWP. Will take some time so working with existing GP practices to see how best to manage the increase in demand as the development grows.</p> <p>NW to seek clarification re: size of the proposed GP surgery.</p> <p>Community centres update – Oxford University and Community First Oxfordshire have been commissioned for stakeholder engagement re: the operation of the three community centres. Likely to use the GWPRA Facebook page to engage with residents.</p> <p>Allotments available - GC advised of waiting list for allotments and how it may be worth the plots being split to provide more allotments. NW – may be looking to explore options for a community garden, if there is interest in this.</p>	NW
1.	<p>Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer</p>	
2.	<p>Minutes of previous meeting: Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.</p>	All present
3.	<p>Actions arising from last meeting:</p> <p>None.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>4.1 Driving along footpaths on GWP Numerous separate reports of vehicles driving at speed along the footpaths. DB has been in contact with Rebecca Bowker (Taylor Wimpey) – arranged for bollards to be installed or moved to try to prevent this. DB planning a site visit with Rebecca to look at the current problems areas and arrange restrictions. Other problem areas include the space outside the district shops. May need to look at temporary measures for this area.</p> <p>4.2 Speed awareness press release This was put out but had been truncated and did not contain the photoshoot images. It will be rescheduled when the community</p>	

	<p>speed signs and other measures are in place, complete with imagery. A community road safety meeting is being held on Wednesday 11th July at 7.30am, Aureus School.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>5.1 Photography project Email from Abi Brown, Arts Officer: Here is a lovely chance to have your image as part of our anniversary exhibition. Our lead artist, Peter Savage, is about to launch a project to capture and collect photographic contributions from the local community. <i>"I am wanting to get a group of images of Didcot/Great Western Park that show detail, texture creativity and particularly colour. The images will be tiled on top of some more complex photographs so can be quite simple, close-up and fairly 'abstract'. I am hoping to gather them from Instagram using the hashtag: #didcotcolour If you are able to spread the word I would be really grateful. Follow me on Instagram and www.petersavage.photography"</i> Residents are invited to email directly with their images or hashtag an instagram image!</p> <p>5.2 Dog waste bins Tom Cox emailed about the need for dog waste bins. General rubbish bins are being used for dog waste and are overflowing. Asked if Taylor Wimpey could install some dog waste bins near Boundary Park. GC suggested that additional general rubbish bins may be more useful.</p> <p>GC to contact Rebecca Bowker about this issue.</p> <p>5.3 Defibrillator training Gary Elkins available for further training. He is a defibrillator instructor living on GWP and has kindly offered to run a community training session. No cost but donations to GWPRA Defibrillator Project.</p> <p>5.4 Planning application – P18/S1278/O Planning Application P18/S1278/O: Outline planning permission for a residential development of up to 903 dwellings, a 60-bed retirement home, mixed-use neighbourhood centre, sports pitches, community facilities, open space and extensive green infrastructure, hard and soft landscaping, attenuation areas, pedestrian and vehicular access and associated works. Appearance, Landscaping, Scale and Layout all reserved. Land to the west of Park Road, South of Great Western Park, Didcot. Does not integrate with the Garden Town Plan. A number of rejections have already been submitted.</p> <p>Residents wish to reject this application – GC will submit the rejection on behalf of the GWPRA.</p> <p>5.5 Increase in HGVs</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>GC</p>

	<p>Email from resident Craig Rouse: Has noticed an increase in HGVs and speed since construction road closed. Noise as well as safety issues from them. The business of the road, particularly heavy traffic is putting off buyers.</p> <p>From GWPRA work thus far: 50% of construction traffic is still exceeding the speed limit. The overall volume of spine road traffic is increasing. The lifting of the traffic restriction, forcing HGVs through the whole spine road, rather than using the Harwell bypass needs chasing with Taylor Wimpey.</p> <p>MB suggested seeking legal advice as this situation is not improving.</p> <p>DB/GC to request support from residents via Facebook in seeking someone who is legally qualified and able to assist.</p>	DB/GC
6.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>6.1 Community Centres project SODC has appointed Community First Oxfordshire to carry out consultancy work on the business plans (as per item 0). Support received from the Bishop of Dorchester.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB:</p> <p>7.1 Outreach project – GEMS Summer Fete GEMS School loaned the GWPRA Candy Floss and Popcorn machines for their summer fete on 7th July.</p> <p>7.2 Summer activities week – 29th July – 3rd August Volunteers still needed for any roles. Please email Mark Bodeker (markbodeker@gmail.com) if you can assist. NW suggested MB contacts Susie Wild, Volunteering Officer at SODC as she may be able to assist.</p> <p>7.3 Boundary Park Festival – litter pick and event 'Bands on the Boundary' – 13th – 15th July at Boundary Park. There will be live music, food stalls, bouncy castle and beer tent. TW has organised a community litter pick on the morning of 15th July – information on the Facebook page. MB asked whether future litter picks could be held on a Saturday as people from the Church would like to assist.</p> <p>7.4 Reminder – wheelie bin stickers Stickers to help support the Community Road Safety Project are now available for all residents of GWP. They are available at Boundary Park Pavilion, Costa Coffee and Best One. Will also be available at the GWPRA monthly meetings and other community events such as the Community Café (Thursdays 10-12 at the Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre). Stickers kindly</p>	

	<p>provided for residents by Taylor Wimpey.</p> <p>7.5 Dangerous junction into GWP from the A4130 CR mentioned how dangerous the junction is when you are trying to turn right into GWP. GC confirmed that there have been several accidents and this issue has been raised before. The speed limit is 40 mph, but drivers often exceed this. Discussion around proposed road widening/dual carriageway.</p> <p>RME will raise this with OCC Highways.</p> <p>7.6 Estate agent signs MB queried whether anything can be done about estate agent signs being used for advertising e.g. 'successful' and now too many signs at GWP. What is the policy? Residents confirmed it is in their deeds that they are not allowed to have these signs on their property.</p>	<p>RME</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 10th September 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion. (There is no meeting in August).</p>	