



# Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

<b>Date and Time:</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September 2018 at 7.30pm	
<b>Place:</b>	Pavilion, Boundary Park (Outside Balcony)	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Gareth Clarke (Chairperson) -GC Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep) -DR Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) – RME Jaco Mare (Webmaster) - JM	Ian Snowdon (District Councillor) –IS Sarah Ifill (Community Chaplain) - SI

## Agenda

Item	Agenda Item
1	Apologies for absence
2	Minutes of previous meeting
3	Actions 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.	GC to publicise the Councillor Grants Scheme through the RA.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Paula Walters – Treasurer Natalie Hudson – Secretary Mark Bodeker John Boden Nicola Wyr - SODC	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Reviewed and agreed that Minutes from Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> July reflect a true account of the last meeting.	All present

3.	<p><b>Actions from last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Clarification of the size of the Health Centre (NW)</b> There was no update on this but more information will be available when planning progresses.</p> <p><b>3.2 Dog Waste Bin Issue (GC)</b> This was not done but a general review of the public waste bins will be sought.</p> <p><b>3.3 Rejection of the additional housing application (GC)</b> This was not done as the deadline had passed. It was agreed that all additional housing applications should be rejected until the lack of public facilities such as Health Centre and Community Centres are resolved.</p> <p><b>3.4 Request for any legally qualified residents to assist with the Road Safety Issue (DB)</b> This had not been completed.</p> <p><b>3.5 Raise issues of the A4130/SFA Junction(RME)</b> This was done with a response from Ben Broughton – Senior Signal Engineer: “Checked the junctions operation and found it to be working as intended and without any current faults, with the junction cycling around in stage in order, serving the demands registered by vehicles using the junction. During busy periods the junction does operate <b>over capacity</b>, which means that queues do form on its approaches. To help minimise the problem you describe of vehicles waiting to turn right then blocking the ahead lane, priority is given within the junction’s controller configuration to the right turners when a queue forms in this lane.</p> <p>We will continue to monitor the junction however we believe the current configuration is the best achievable at this site.”</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising:</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Collision on SFWA near Boundary Park</b> Two vehicle head on collision on 23rd July 2018. One person had to be cut out of their vehicle. A few weeks later TVP conducted a speed enforcement along SFWA. I was agreed it would be nice to have more regular enforcement along the spine road, now it was clearly viable and not just after serious accidents.</p> <p><b>4.2 GWP Community Buildings Survey</b> This survey was advertised on the GWPRA Website and Facebook. Nicola Wyer gave the following updates: “GWP Community Centre Survey has now closed. We had comments from 251 participants. The Oxford University team will be analysing the data collected and will produce a report for the council on the findings. The Oxford University team also held a focus group last Thursday, which discussed themes on best practice and how to manage and operate community centres. Proactive input was received from</p>	

	<p>local stakeholders who attended the afternoon. Construction is due to commence on the District Centre next month.”</p> <p>Jaco Mare from GWPRA also attended the Focus Group on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018 and the following GWPRA points were included:</p> <p><b>“LIST OF POTENTIAL REQUIREMENTS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Significant storage space for GWPRA community assets (minimum 8m3) and other Community Groups</li> <li>•24/7 Access to small, “community safe space” for Police and administration</li> <li>•Minimum Opening hours 0700hrs – 2300 hrs for all facilities, 365 days a year – inclusive of working people</li> <li>•Linked online booking system for available facilities, coordinated with existing GWP providers</li> <li>•Safeguarding assurance for Residents and facility users</li> <li>•Specific focus of some facilities for groups supporting older children and youths but availability for facilities for all ages of people</li> <li>•Adequate parking at facilities</li> <li>•Outdoor spaces linked to facilities, safely protected from roads – Quiet spaces</li> <li>•Large Main hall to have retractable, tiered seating and small stage, to provide versatility</li> <li>•Consideration to enhanced environmentally kind features such as solar power/water heating and additional insulation. – Reduce running costs and environmental impact, setting a good example</li> <li>•Large secure, covered parking for bicycles and buggies</li> <li>•High acoustic specification, to dampen noise within and between rooms, to meet school specification as absolute minimum</li> <li>•Wi-Fi provision throughout all the community centre facilities</li> <li>•Larger meeting room/area for up to 50 persons”</li> </ul>	
5.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>5.1 Planning Application – 166 Dwellings North GWP P18/S0719/RM</b></p> <p>This was a revised submission of the original, again <b>GWPR</b> <b>objected</b> with following comments:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The development removes the green space buffer between GWP and the increasingly busy A4130, completely at odds with the Didcot Garden Town ethos.</li> <li>2. The GWPR were not consulted or even considered as formal stakeholders to the initial application.</li> <li>3. Dwellings will be subject to considerable noise and traffic pollution from the A4130 and Railway.</li> <li>4. The access direct to the A4130 will be DANGEROUS and cause increased congestion, given the existing GWP one is already poor, even prior to completion to the development. Using the GWP roundabout would be much more logical.</li> <li>5. There is no proper link for foot and cycles to the remainder of</li> </ol>	

	<p>GWP, isolating the community from facilities and highlighting a completely incoherent approach to the planning and sustainable transport for the future.</p> <p>6. The developer should be required to fund the GWPRA Community Defibrillator project to help provide protection for the residents living in the far North of GWP.</p> <p>7. The GWPRA believes that there should be absolutely no further housing developments permitted on or near GWP until the issues of delayed adoption, road safety and inadequate Health Centre provision are resolved with the existing development.</p> <p>Receipt of this was acknowledged by SODC Planning on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</p>	
6.	<p><b>Report Back from Officers:</b></p> <p><b>6.1 Summer Activities Week 2018</b>  The received excellent support from community and good attendance, despite the less favourable weather. New activities were tried, such as flag making and having live music  •GWPR made £118.20 Profit on the Candy Floss and Popcorn. Donated 50% back to GWP Church to support next year's event. It was also noted the Significant contribution Mark Bodeker made to the community in running these. This will be highlighted to the Bishop.</p> <p><b>6.2 Outreach Project</b>  Stephen Freeman School will be lent the GWPRA Candy Floss and Popcorn Machines for their Summer Fete on 22nd September 2018. This continues the ethos of the GWPRA trying to assist charitable causes and raise it's profile in the community.</p> <p><b>6.3 Defibrillator Training</b>  Resident, Gary Elkins conducted Community Defibrillator Training on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> August 2018. The evening was very informative and appreciated by the attendees. Our thanks goes to Gary, for volunteering his valuable time, he agreed to do further sessions in the future. The GWPRA also sent thanks to Boundary Park for again letting us use the facilities at no charge.</p>	
7.	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p><b>7.1 Councillor Grants</b>  Ian Snowdon raised the point that the Councillor Grants were open again. Each District Councillor had a budget of £5000 with a minimum application of £250. This scheme successfully funded the GWPRA Road Safety Project last year.  The GWPRA agreed to help publicise these and look into beneficial projects for the community.</p>	Chairperson
8.	<p><b>Close meeting.</b>  The meeting was closed at 8.15pm.</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b>  Monday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	