



Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

Date and Time:	Monday 12 th November 2018 at 7.30pm	
Place:	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
Attendees:	Gareth Clarke (Chair) - GC Natalie Houghton (Secretary) – NH Jaco Mare – Webmaster Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep) – DR John Boden – JB Pip Harris – PH	Tammi Williams – TW Craig Rouse – CR Ian Snowdon – IS Sarah Ifill – SI Denise Macdonald – DM Pam Siggers - PS

Agenda

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Action No	Action
1.	Chair GC to contact the Land Trust for an update.
2.	DR to establish completion date for the play park near Boundary Park.

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1.	Apologies: Paula Walters – Treasurer Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) – RME	

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>3.1 Grant for gazebo: GC has started looking into different options. Discussion around the size and type required. 3x6m size recommended by JM. Agreed that GWPRA and SODC logos are to be featured on the gazebo.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters arising:</p> <p>4.1 BBC Radio Interview Thursday 1st November 2018 - BBC Radio Oxford “David Prever” - GWP Case Study re: connectivity to the rest of Didcot. This was following a report stating that GWP, amongst other developments, is disconnected from the rest of the town. GWPRA provided a pre-recorded interview, which was edited for air to remove the positives. Chair complained about this and the BBC immediately contacted to re-address the balance. IS stated that the original report was misleading and several residents have responded with positive comments.</p> <p>4.2 New Brunel Rise Park safety issues with gates Katie Taylor contacted GWPRA regarding the gates onto the new park opening straight outward onto Diamond Drive. The same issue was highlighted by GWPRA to planning on the larger southern park last year. Chair contacted Taylor Wimpey on 8th November 2018, but has not yet had a response. DR will also raise this issue at the BPSA meeting this week.</p> <p>4.3 Advert banners/mud on road/power station Richard Alldred contacted GWPRA about several topics that need addressing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Advertising banners by the A4130 – these do pose a safety issue and have been reported to highways by RME, as on adopted section of the road. - Mud on road from developers – was reported to them by Mr Alldred and seems to have been addressed. - Recent additional noise from the power station – was reported to Environment Agency. Response received that it was a faulty gearbox which will be turned off at night until fixed. 	
5.	<p>Correspondence:</p> <p>5.1 Didcot Infrastructure Consultation Main feature is A4130 capacity improvement – making a dual carriageway of the A4130 between the A34 and new science</p>	

	<p>bridge, including new and improved pedestrian and cycling measures. First exhibition held on 7th November, attended by GWPRA Chair. Observations include that most new roads go north/south and very little east/west footpath and cycle paths connecting Valley Park to GWP and Didcot. Chair attended the first meeting. Observations include that most new roads go north/south and very little east/west footpath and cycle paths connecting Valley Park to GWP and Didcot.</p> <p>Second exhibition is to be held on Saturday 17th November, 10am-4pm at Cornerstone. Deadline for consultation is 25th November 2018. Residents discussed traffic safety concerns, including a four-car collision on the A4130 this evening.</p> <p>For further details please see: www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/didcot</p>	
6.	<p>Report back (from officers):</p> <p>6.1 GWPRA Christmas Event 2018 – 20th December 2018</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Raffle Prize donations – to be physically collected at Boundary Park. - SOHA providing craft activities for children. - Raising funds for GWP Defibrillator and SOFEA community larder. - Christmas decoration donations required. - Musician or choirs required for live music. Any suggestions please contact committee@gwpra.org.uk - Women’s Institute may be able to help support the event with serving food and beverages – will confirm. <p>6.2 Road Safety Project</p> <p>Chair provided a summary of data collected so far. Over half a million vehicles have passed through during the period of the recording. Highest speed recorded as 61mph on Greenwood Way. Chair will continue to record data in new locations and review previous locations.</p> <p>Key findings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4% reduction in people speeding on spine road since signage changes. - Increase in volume of traffic and hence traffic in columns. - Big variations of speed along spine road. - 6% of traffic is from lorries – very high for residential area. Continue to request that Taylor Wimpey divert lorries away from full length of spine road on development. - Further publicity being conducted to raise awareness. <p>Equipment currently loaned to Didcot Town Council and installed on Hagbourne Road.</p> <p>Full traffic data overview available at www.gwpra.org.uk</p>	

<p>7.</p>	<p>AOB:</p> <p>7.1 Secretary Committee role: Secretary NH is leaving and this Committee role will be advertised shortly. If anyone is interested or would like further information please contact secretary@gwptra.org.uk</p> <p>7.2 Boeing 747-400 Fuel Systems Presentation by John Boden – Saturday 1st December at 2pm, Didcot Civic Centre The presentation will appeal to a wide range of people for an interesting, informative non-technical approach to the aircraft’s fuel system. The presentation covers the flight deck crew operations, pre-flight fuelling and in-flight usage as well as other aspects of the fuel system. John has a combined forty years in aviation with the RAF and British Airways. £5 admission fee. See GWTRA website for further information.</p> <p>7.3 Land Trust JB queried what happened to this proposal. Chair suggested that the Land Trust seemed to be put off by SODC requirements. Chair will contact them to enquire.</p> <p>7.4 Play park CR asked whether the play park opposite Boundary Park is due to open soon. Residents unclear about this. DR will ask about this at the next BPSA meeting.</p> <p>7.5 Entrance to GWP Timing of traffic lights has changed at north entrance to GWP from A4130, but does not seem to have made a difference. Problems due to over-capacity. Residents remain concerned about safety for drivers waiting at this junction, as the lane is not long enough for the queue and vehicles often pass at 60mph when the speed limit is 40mph. Chair will consider placing speed monitoring device in this area.</p> <p>7.6 Health Centre DM asked if there is any feedback regarding the health centre plans. This was discussed at last month’s meeting and Chair confirmed that residents feedback indicated they were pleased with the larger building but concerned about the lack of parking. DM and PS stated being three storeys was a concern and they had rejected the application because of the building potentially obstructing properties.</p>	<p>GC</p> <p>DR</p>
<p>8.</p>	<p>Close meeting. The meeting was closed at 9.00pm.</p> <p>Next meeting: Monday 10th December 2018 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	