



# Great Western Park Residents Association Minutes

<b>Date and Time:</b>	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7.30pm	
<b>Place:</b>	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Gareth Clarke (Chair) - GC Natalie Houghton (Secretary) – NH Dave Roberts (BPSA Rep) – DR Rodney Harris – RA Cllr Ian Snowdon - IS	Hayleigh Gascoigne – HG Sarah Medley – SM Damon Webb – DW Sam Cousins – SC Lewis Cousins – LC Tammi Williams - TW

## Agenda

Item	Agenda Item
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.	Chair to liaise with Taylor Wimpey regarding the delay in opening the play park and tennis courts.
2.	Chair to create a Facebook poll re: proposed Valley Park merge.
3.	Chair to request a meeting with developers and head of planning regarding proposed 'sheep field' development.

Item No.	Action/Discussion	Action By
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Paula Walters – Treasurer Ron Milton-Eldridge (IT Admin) – RME John Boden	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b>	All present

	Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting.	
3.	<p><b>Actions arising from last meeting:</b></p> <p><b>3.1 Land Trust Open Space Management Progress</b> Confirmed by Taylor Wimpey as cancelled, likely to be SODC managed initially.</p> <p><b>3.2 Completion Date for Play Park by Boundary (DR)</b> DR spoke to the Chairman of Boundary Park Sports Association re: tennis courts. Have not yet been signed off as complete, so no confirmed date for opening. Concerns that this is being delayed until adopted by VOWHDC after one year. Chair will liaise with Taylor Wimpey about this.</p>	GC
4.	<p><b>Matters arising:</b></p> <p><b>4.1 Valley Park public consultation</b> Chair attended meeting on 22.11.2018. 4,254 homes, including 1489 affordable housing on green fields land adjoining west of GWP. Will include 2 new Primary Schools and a SEN School, community centre, local shops and pavilion. Linked to Science Vale Bridge and A4130 improvements. SM also attended the meeting and found some of the plans from OCC and Taylor Wimpey contradicted themselves and were confusing.</p> <p>Further information available via the GWPRA website <a href="http://www.gwpra.org.uk">www.gwpra.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>4.2 Great Western and Valley Park Residents' Association?</b> Valley Park is effectively going to be an extension of GWP. GWP benefitted with people with foresight setting up a Residents' Association at the start of the development. Chair suggested whether the GWPRA extend scope to cover Valley Park.</p> <p>Pros and cons: - More work and higher running costs + Offset by additional funding from developers and local government, without need to fundraise - GWPRA constitution needs changing + Greater pool of potential RA volunteers</p> <p>General discussion about this proposal. Residents raised points regarding the benefit of sharing knowledge but also the need for more volunteers to cover the larger number of residents and area. Agreed that Chair will create a Facebook poll to judge interest from residents.</p>	GC
5.	<p><b>Correspondence:</b></p> <p><b>5.1 SODC Updates – Mark Hewer (South &amp; Vale)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• District Community Centre due to be completed in Autumn</li> </ul>	

	<p>2019.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Taylor Wimpey moving things forward with the Southern Community Centre and aim for completion in summer 2019.</li> <li>• The Section 106 agreement states that the centres will be taken into the ownership of the relevant district council when completed (VOWHDC for the Southern and District centres and SODC currently for the Northern centre).</li> <li>• At the moment they are working on the basis that they will initially open the new centres and run these in house, until such time that the long-term management proposals are implemented.</li> <li>• Mark Hewer has chased the Clinical Commissioning Group for an update on their plans for the health centre site.</li> </ul> <p><b>5.2 Planning approval granted for 166 additional homes</b>  P18/S0719/RM SODC granted planning for 166 additional David Wilson properties north of GWP (sheep field). This was previously rejected by the GWPRA on various grounds such as safety, noise, green space buffer removal, lack of infrastructure and connectivity to GWP. Appears all comments have been ignored by the planning process. Chair will request a meeting with both developers and head of planning on this matter. Discussion around defibrillators and Cllr IS confirmed that all new developments of over 75 houses will now have to include a defibrillator, provided by the developer.</p>	GC
6.	<p><b>Report back (from officers):</b></p> <p><b>6.1 GWPRA Christmas Event 2018 – 20<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 6.30-9.30pm</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vocalize Choir performing</li> <li>• Mulled wine and mince pies served by GWP Women’s Institute</li> <li>• Raffle – still seeking prizes (hand in to Boundary Park)</li> <li>• Assistance from GWP Church and Community Chaplains</li> <li>• Children’s crafts provided by SOHA</li> <li>• GWPRA candy floss machine</li> </ul> <p><b>**Seeking suggestions for any other attractions**</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Tickets (£1.50) available at:  <a href="https://gwpchristmas2018.eventbrite.co.uk">https://gwpchristmas2018.eventbrite.co.uk</a>  Volunteers please register for a free ticket.</li> </ul> <p><b>6.2 Community Shelter – GWPRA Outreach Project</b>  Business case completed for gazebo for shelter for events – total approximate cost £1468. Councillor grant application submitted today. If approved, will be available within a few weeks and publicised on GWPRA website and social media for groups/individuals to use.</p>	
7.	<b>AOB:</b>	

	<p><b>7.1 Update - District Community Centre Artwork – Rod Harris</b>          Displayed photographs for residents to see the progress of the sculptures. Installation due in March 2019. The project involves carving 5 tonnes of clay bricks. Have been working on the project for around 3 months and will take approximately 1 more month before the bricks are fired. Residents are invited to attend the studio in Bristol if they would like to – Rod will post a message on the GWPRA Facebook page about this.</p> <p><b>7.2 Draft local plan 2019-2034 – Cllr. Ian Snowdon</b>          Key housing developments around Oxford city (due to unmet housing needs), Chalgrove and Culham. Mainly on green belt land - unavoidable due to housing need. In Didcot, improvements are due to start on the Jubilee roundabout/Aldi. The plan also includes provision for sports and leisure activities. IS confirmed that the planned road/infrastructure improvements have to be made if linked to new housing developments.</p> <p><b>7.3 Secretary Committee role</b>          Secretary NH is leaving and this Committee role will be advertised shortly. If anyone is interested or would like further information please contact <a href="mailto:secretary@gwpra.org.uk">secretary@gwpra.org.uk</a></p> <p><b>7.4 Agenda items</b>          Resident asked how items can be raised on the agenda. Email <a href="mailto:committee@gwpra.org.uk">committee@gwpra.org.uk</a></p>	
8.	<p><b>Close meeting.</b>          The meeting was closed at 8.40pm.</p> <p><b>Next meeting:</b>          Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 7.30pm, Boundary Park Pavilion.</p>	