



## Great Western Park Residents' Association

# Minutes

<b>Date and Time:</b>	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at 7.40pm	
<b>Place:</b>	Pavilion, Boundary Park	
<b>Attendees:</b>	Dave Roberts [DR] David Brignall[DB]	Ralph Shackell[RS] Gareth Clarke [GC]
	Craig Rouse Pete Odiase Henning Speckels Mania Busz Vicki Owen Melissa Owen Simon Abele Sarah Ifill Ian Snowdon*	John Boden Sarah Medley Hayleigh Gascoigne John Brooke Linda Stannard Pip Harris Zoe Trinder Steve Dossett Christine Dossett

Item	Agenda Item
0	Presentations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Community Awards 2019 – Steve Dossett and Ian Snowdon</li> <li>• Taylor Wimpey Updates Presentation – (Given by GC)</li> </ul>
1	Apologies for absence
2	Minutes of previous meeting
3	Actions arising from last meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Arts Strategy Publication (GC)</li> <li>• Parking issues update at Boundary Park (DR)</li> </ul>
4	Matters Arising <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Illegal Encampment</li> <li>• Local Elections Results</li> </ul>
5	Correspondence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GWPRA Constitution Amendment Clarification</li> </ul>
6	Report Back from Officers <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Summary of the Past Year</li> </ul>
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dissolution of Current Committee ☹☹☹</li> </ul>
8	Election of the New Committee Members: † Chair † Secretary † Treasurer † Webmaster

	† Vice Chair † Boundary Park Sports Association Representative † IT Admin † Events Coordinator † Environment Champion
9	Any other business
10	Close meeting – date of next meeting: <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b>

## Actions

Item No.	Action/Discussion
1.	GC to deploy the GWPRA Traffic Survey equipment to Diamond Drive and investigate progress on missing traffic calming measures.

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0.	Presentations: <b>0.1 Community Award 2019</b> Awards presented to: Steve Dossett for his exceptional Halloween and Christmas lighting spectaculars and efforts clearing snow. Ian Snowdon: exceptional support of GWPRA in areas outside his role.	

**0.2 Presentation from Taylor Wimpey** - Rebecca Bowker unable to attend the meeting at last minute notice- GC reads out a statement from her instead.

- 1)GWP 80% complete. Last parcel of land due to start being built on in June 2019
- 2)Allotments - no completion date yet, issues w/water supplies and H&S
- 3) Community centres construction underway, handover of control will be to district council who will be appointed end users of the centre. Southern community centre
- 4)artwork on district centre will be revealed in September upon completion
- 5)Adoption of main roads by OCC won't move forward until construction traffic no longer using roads. Legal permissions needed from Highways England. Works on Atrium junction & signage needed. Delay to Wantage road signalised junction due to conflict with other works. Adoption of drainage by SSE progressing. Open space (play park) adoption delayed due to workload caused by travellers. Legal issues from district council still yet to be sorted & signed off.
- 6)Valley Park - TW still working towards starting works in autumn but this depends on approvals from local authorities coming through

Update from councillors Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley - Great Western Park - Playground area, skate park and tennis courts

As part of the Section 106 agreement, Taylor Wimpey must build various community facilities on Great Western Park. One of their obligations is to build a public play area, a skate park, a multi-use games area (MUGA) and tennis courts on the northern area of the development.

Unfortunately, on inspection of the MUGA and tennis courts, there are areas that fall below the standard we require for our community to use. The size of the MUGA is in question - the local netball club cannot play their official matches there for example.

The independent inspector has also advised that the tennis court surface needs some extra work and some of the fences are not high enough, potentially causing balls to be knocked over into the playground and skate park.

We have informed Taylor Wimpey of the shortcomings in these open spaces and are waiting for their response.

We share residents' frustrations that the area has not been completed as it should have been, and we will continue to impress upon Taylor Wimpey the importance of ensuring the quality and safety issues are addressed and corrected as soon as possible, so the area can be used by families and community groups on Great Western Park.

**1. Apologies:**

	Paula Walters – Treasurer Tammi Williams – Environment Champion Avianna Laws - Secretary	
2.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> Reviewed and agreed as a true account of the last meeting. Agreed by show of hands	All present

3.	<b>Actions from previous meeting:</b> 3.1 Upload of Arts Strategy Consultation paperwork website – was done by GC on 13/5/19 3.2 Parking issues at Boundary Park on Saturdays caused by football club pavements. DR reported he had reinforced message that things had improved with H&H football team.	GC DR
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> 4.1 Illegal Encampment: GWPRAs inbox very busy! Police able to do little because encampment on private (Taylor Wimpey) land Facebook page poll asking if residents approved of further physical measures to prevent further ingress in to the open spaces by travellers. This had 264 responses with 93% positive response rate. GC is attending a meeting between TW and other stakeholders in the next month at which planning will start. Court Order has been granted to move on any person who sets up an encampment on any open space on GWP. Final writ from Sheriffs will be arranged shortly which will expedite police's ability to remove travellers. Sarah (Chaplain) says they were unable to go down to speak to them and found that they had left when they did go down on Tuesday. Asks if other residents had tried to talk to them. GC replied that several residents had reported to him that they had spoken to the travellers, which had started off well natured but deteriorated as time went on. 4.2 Council Elections results: Didcot West : Ian Snowdon & Alan Thompson Blewbury & Harwell : Hayleigh Gascoigne & Sarah Medley	
5.	<b>Correspondence:</b> 5.1 GWPRAs Constitution Amendment Clarification Motion to amend constitution as explained by GC – passed	JB/GC
6.	<b>Report Back:</b> 6.1 Summary of past year GC shows slide of excel spreadsheet showing GWPRAs financial position since FY2016 GC to suggested approaching local councils for support such as 5p per household per council per year as a basic operating fund. Resident asks if defibs have been used (GC replies they haven't yet) and mentions that when defibs reach their 3rd year the batteries and pads will need replacing at cost to GWPRAs. Will provide a good target for fundraising by RS Phase 3 of defibs >50% funded.	GC

	<p>Road Safety project: 1.1 million vehicles recorded in about a year. Average of 6,000 cars a day.</p> <p>Delays with Community Centres projects due to changes of council officers.</p> <p>6.3 District Council Meeting. Positive discussion, many areas covered including Neighbourhood park which is still awaiting sign off and no target dates on when the park will open. Proposed MoU for comms between GWPRA, South and Vale council, meetings every 2 months outside of GWPRA meetings but requested that a representative attends GPWRA twice a year – awaiting agreement.</p> <p>Residents including [SM] asked if there was anything more we could do for the park to be opened. [IS] advised we are awaiting the MUGA sign off and will keep pushing for a partial open.</p>	
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7.	<p><b>Dissolution of Current Committee:</b></p> <p>7.1 Current committee dissolved</p>	GC
8.	<p><b>Election of new committee</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Gareth Clarke nominated &amp; seconded as Chairman</li> <li>• Avianna Laws nominated &amp; seconded as Secretary</li> <li>• Paula Walters nominated &amp; seconded as Treasurer</li> <li>• Jaco Mare Nominated &amp; seconded as Webmaster</li> <li>• Craig Rouse nominated &amp; seconded as Vice-Chairman</li> <li>• Dave Roberts nominated &amp; seconded as Boundary Park Sports Association Rep</li> <li>• Ron Milton-Eldridge nominated &amp; seconded as IT Admin</li> <li>• Ralph Shackell nominated &amp; seconded as events co-ordinator</li> <li>• Tammi Williams nominated &amp; seconded as environment champion</li> </ul>	All present
9	<p><b>Any Other Business:</b></p> <p>Construction lorries speeding down Diamond Drive reported by residents. GC to deploy the GWPRA Traffic Survey equipment to Diamond Drive and investigate progress on missing traffic calming measures.</p>	GC
10	<p><b>Close of Meeting at 21:00 – Next meeting Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June 2019</b></p>	