



Great Western Park Residents' Association Minutes



Monday 11th November 2019 at 7.30pm

Attendees:	
Gareth Clarke (GC) - GWPRA Chairperson Matt Harwood (MH) – GWPRA Treasurer Mark Bodeker – Community Minister Cllr. Sarah Medley (SM)	Craig Rouse (CR) - GWPRA Vice Chairperson David Brignall (DB) Cllr. Hayleigh Gascoigne (HG)

1	Apologies for absence: Cllr. Ian Snowdon Ralph Shackell GWPRA Events Coordinator
2	Minutes of previous meeting Previous minutes from Monday 7 th October 2019 agreed by all
3	Actions arising from last meeting No listed actions
4	Matters Arising <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Planning application for 80 unit Extra Care facility, Greenwood Way P19/V2660/FUL – The deadline for comments (11th December 2019) from the application date seems short, less than a month. The provision of a Health Centre needs to be guaranteed prior to granting the extra care facility, since the Didcot area is already oversubscribed. This is being investigated by Stuart Lilly, who has contacted Harwell Parish Council on the matter. Other points raised were how this is planned to be run with accessibility (costs), integration into community and where the care home residents are coming from. Also of concern was the amount of parking for 80 residents and the associated visitors and staff, only (34 regular and 4 disabled bays – suggested minimum of a bay per Resident). From the plans the outdoor space available is less than the footprint of the building and since it is 3 storey, this is likely to be inadequate. Large roof area and no provision of solar panels for water heating or electricity, complete contravention of

	<p>climate emergency status. There would need to be a pedestrian crossing between the Extra Care facility and the Shops, given the volume and speed of traffic on the spine road. The consensus is that the planning application should not be approved until the issues were dealt with. * Action with Gareth Clarke (GC) to collate and give comments on Planning Application prior to 11th December 2019 *Also to make contact with the Developers concerned and invite them to a GWPRA meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Police action against Drug Dealing around GWP - In response to reports of increased drug dealing activity on GWP, TVP are launching an operation with overt and covert resources to tackle this. Residents have been encouraged to report any information regarding criminal activity to 101 or 999 appropriately. Police require quality information from Residents to deal with crime effectively. 3. Parking around Boundary Park at the weekends - Several reports of 17+ Cars parked improperly on 20th Oct 19 Around Boundary Park, causing inconvenience to Residents. The BPSA made aware and planning to put up signs as well as speak to parents through clubs. Chairperson (GC) suggested that the currently fenced off parking area by the Tennis Courts could be used as a relief parking area in the future, lessening the current issue. * Action with Dave Roberts (DR) to raise this issue again with the BPSA 4. Lack of Post Boxes - Several Residents have sighted the issue of only 1 Post Box on Northern GWP. Suggestions of one at District Centre and Southern. Developers have been asked if any planned, as they arranged the NNCC one previously. Enquiries to be made with Royal Mail. It was pointed out that there is a post box hidden in the hedge along Harwell Road. David Brignall (DB) pointed out that Ofcom regulates post boxes. "there should be a post box within 0.5 miles by straight line distance of at least 98% of delivery points nationally; and for the remaining 2% of delivery points, Royal Mail must provide sufficient access points or other means of access to the universal service (e.g. collection on delivery from very remote or isolated locations such as farmhouses) to meet the reasonable needs of users." . * Action with Dave Brignall (DB) to try and verify if all are within 800m of post box
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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Street Lighting / Bus Services on Southern GWP - Thames Travel had a meeting with OCC Oct19 to discuss timetables/routing etc. - TW has meeting with them in November and will report back- TW survey lights and get SSE team to rectify. Information from Residents / survey useful. As not adopted there are no fault reporting systems in place, aside from individually emailing TW customer services. Sarah Medley (SM) suggested that residents could run a shared Google Docs Sheet to collate the faulty street lamp information for TW. 2. Flooding around Boundary Park and Station Garden Crossing - Heavy rain highlighted the drainage issues across BP and safety risk if icy - Developer chased on progress, BPSA to also be made aware. Taylor Wimpey did make some improvements but more is needed and they are looking into this. 3. Planning decision on MUGA alterations decision notice on planning application P19/V2208/FU - The modifications to the MUGA which the GWPRA SUPPORTED, has been approved. Not surprising since everyone consulted was in favour.
6	<p>Report Back from Officers</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Progress on GWP Community Facilities - Allotments are making progress and they are establishing well at the moment; there's no orchard at the northern allotments though. They form part of the meadow area which is significant. They are working on the 2 ponds and large woodland planting areas. The allotment size is 115mx53m. Discussions between TW and councils about the transfer process. Both Community Centre buildings are now Practically Complete. Completing the minor snagging items. There are some outstanding contracts that are being worked on between TW and the District Council that will, as we did with the pavilion, remove the 12 month issue Neighbourhood Park area: TW have been asked to reduce the sign off area to exclude all drainage, so that they can at least progress with opening areas of the park. Unfortunately the red line would not include the skate park but the play area and grass area around it and the tennis courts will be included. To date, after 8 years of construction, aside from Boundary Park and the NNCC, no facilities have been adopted by the District Council. This yet again raised concerns about the performance of the District Council.

	<p>2. Community Defibrillators - New Collection pots being distributed to raise the final £600 for Phase 3 (southern GWP) and to help Support maintenance of Phases 1 and 2. Phase 2 – Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre needed new pads (electrodes) in Oct 19 - Cost £104.40. Agreed by all to pay from GWPRA Defibrillator funds. New Pads and spares required in Dec 19 for Phase 1 Defibrillator (Boundary Park) £74.28 - Very kindly sponsored by local builders H & H Building Services - H&H are also generously funding the replacement battery when it is required at the end of next year. £186.00 They have also offered to install the Phase 3 defibrillator.</p> <p>3. Traffic Survey Holly Lane junction and Park Road – The Traffic Survey results were presented. Key points, the average speed was 18mph, with 18% of vehicles exceeding 20mph, less than 1% truck sized vehicles, maximum speeds 35mph, average daily traffic 1811 vehicles with a peak flow of 180 cars per hour at 5pm. In conclusion the traffic was not travelling excessively fast, although it's a very hazardous stretch of road, so they shouldn't be. It is unlikely to justify further traffic calming. The sheer volume of traffic indicates that this is a well used through route alternative from the spine road.</p>
7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1. Improvements of GWP community engagement with VOWH and SO District Councils - Acknowledgement of issues, not helped by the boundary arrangements carving up GWP between districts. Vale's Community Governance and Electoral Issues Committee review in spring 2020 to involve GWP representations. Although they are not responsible for suggesting any changes to the district boundary. - Meeting arranged with District Councillors Sarah Medley, Hayley Gascoigne and Ian Snowdon to discuss a strategy. Cllr. SM suggested that a lessons learnt and community forum process may help to improve things in the future. Other improvements suggested by Councillors were to register on the planning portal to receive requests for the entire area, to ensure stakeholders in the process. * Action for GC to setup DB as planning officer to monitor all requests from the planning portal and highlight the relevant ones.</p> <p>2. Register to vote – Residents are encouraged to register to vote to ensure that their opinions are represented at the upcoming</p>

	<p>general elections on 12th December. It was also noted that the NN Community Centre will be closed to operate as a polling station.</p> <p>3. The "Reach" Sculpture – This GWP public art piece has now been installed by UTC</p>
8	<p>Closed meeting at 9:20pm – date of next meeting: Monday 9th December 2019</p>