



Great Western Park Residents' Association Minutes



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| Attendees: | |
| Gareth Clarke (GC) - GWPRRA Chairperson Matt Harwood (MH) - GWPRRA Treasurer Craig Rouse (CR) - GWPRRA Vice Chairperson Tammi Williams (TW) - GWPRRA Environment Champion Ian Snowdon Helen Vass Cath Convery (CC) Denise Macdonald (DM) Vic Angell | Olly Glover (OG) Sarah Medley (SM) Priyanka Tibarewal (PT) Penny Middleton Colin Webb Michele Kiely Natalie Pollard Luca Scoglio Trevor Jones Adam Palmer |

Monday 8th February 2021 at 8.00pm
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

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| 1 | Apologies for absence: None received |
| 2 | Minutes of previous meeting No previous minutes due to COVID. |
| 3 | Actions arising from last meeting None |
| 4 | Matters Arising 1. Pedestrian crossings on Greenwood Way and at the junction with Blackthorn Road/SFWA have been installed and are awaiting commissioning 2. Data centre planning application - deadline for comments is 3rd March. Environmental health |

concerns raised around backup diesel generator emissions and noise, though this should be used very infrequently.

3. Valley Park planning committee meeting coming up on Tuesday 16th February. CC mentioned concerns on behalf of Harwell residents in relation to the design of the roundabout on the Harwell link road, as well as concerns around the environmental impact of such a large development. These were not considered early enough in the planning process for any meaningful changes to be made. UPDATE: since the GWPRA meeting took place, the planning committee meeting has also taken place, and the decision was taken to DEFER a final planning decision for Valley Park to allow more time for comments, so please take the opportunity to do so if you have anything to add.
4. DM noted that Didcot Town Council has already formally objected to Valley Park.
5. GC raised the issue of district boundaries that have been an issue on GWP with houses split between Vale & SODC, and this needs to be avoided with Valley Park if at all possible.
6. SM noted the updated report on the 5-arm roundabout from the planning applicants is now part of the planning application.
7. CC noted that the design appeared to have changed of the roundabout since the initial plans, but SM unable to confirm and unaware of this.
8. People can apply for a speaking slot at the

planning committee, or submit written comments. Speaking slots are limited in time, but written comments can be as long as necessary.

9. Community Composting - thanks to Priyanka for raising and looking into this. PT kindly offered to be a coordinator and help get the scheme up and running. It was noted that any scheme may have to wait until the allotments are available to get started, as this would provide the necessary space and central point for deposit/collection.
10. Community Gardens & Wildflower Planting - GC highlighted possible options for community gardening spaces at the district centre, Boundary Park (which only requires the agreement of BPSA), and the space near the roundabout at the A4130 junction. GC to investigate
11. Parking & speed - Blackthorn Road highlighted as having some inconsiderate parking as well as speeding vehicles. A local resident has offered to leave notes on car windows to highlight inconsiderate parking and hopefully put a stop to it. GC will also place the community speed monitoring equipment at an appropriate place on Blackthorn Road
12. Community Defibrillator Project - 3 further units still to be installed. CR awaiting confirmation from DWH on a potential site on Dida Gardens. The ultimate aim is that nobody should be further than 500m from the nearest unit, to provide the maximum possible benefit.
13. Additional post box on Diamond Drive - GC

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| | <p>to chase Taylor Wimpey</p> <p>14. COVID-19 Community Support Group bottle raffle to raise funds for continued community support - donations gratefully accepted. Please contact GWPRA if you have bottles to donate.</p> |
| 5 | <p>Correspondence</p> <p>None Received</p> |
| 6 | <p>Report Back from Officers</p> <p>Nothing to report</p> |
| 7 | <p>Any Other Business</p> <p>1. CC mentioned that the project in Harwell to refurbish laptops and distribute to local school children had been a great success, and there is in fact now a surplus of laptops that could now be distributed to other areas. GC offered to ask local schools if any children still need machines, and TW offered to liaise with other local support groups to offer them out if needed. If children of any local residents are in need of a laptop for school work, please contact GWPRA and we can put you in contact. PM said local schools have already been consulted and they appear to have enough laptops for the time being.</p> <p>2. CC mentioned that school leavers are struggling due to the lack of work experience opportunities recently due to COVID-19. If any local businesses can offer careers information or offer to do talks for local school leavers, this would be greatly appreciated. Please get in touch with GWPRA and we will put you in contact.</p> |

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| | <p>3. Flooding - the paved area near the play park adjacent to Juniper Way/Blackthorn Road has suffered flooding recently.</p> <p>4. Illegal Encampment legislation progress - new legal powers should help mitigate future instances of illegal encampments on GWP and in the wider area. Construction of bunds to protect the GWP leisure route is still outstanding.</p> <p>5. Kind offer of support received from Olly Glover to help arrange and publicise future GWPRA meetings as needed. OG noted that the February meeting wasn't as well publicised as it could have been, and may have been too short notice for some to attend. As a result of this, the next meeting date and time was scheduled for March, and TW published this on the GWPRA Facebook page immediately after the meeting.</p> |
| 8 | <p>Closed meeting at 9:20pm - date of next meeting:</p> <p>Monday 8th March 2021 8:00pm via Zoom. Details can be found on the GWPRA website and on our Facebook page under "Events".</p> |