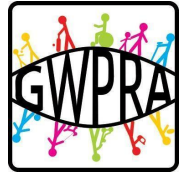




# Great Western Park Residents' Association Minutes



<b>Attendees:</b>	
Gareth Clarke (GC) - GWPR Chairperson Matt Harwood (MH) - GWPR Treasurer Craig Rouse (CR) - GWPR Vice Chairperson Tammi Williams (TW) - GWPR Environment Champion Ralph Shackell - (RS) Ian Snowdon - (IS) Helen Vass	Sarah Medley (SM) Trevor Jones Ron Milton-Eldridge Matt Budd Sally Povolotsky (SP) Hayleigh Gascoigne (HG) Cath Convery (CC) Denise Macdonald (DM) Vic Angell (TFA Ltd.)

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 at 8.00pm**  
***Virtual Meeting via Zoom***

1	Apologies for absence: None received
2	Minutes of previous meeting Agreed
3	Actions arising from last meeting <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. GC to investigate community gardening/wildflower planting possibilities at District Centre, Boundary Park &amp; "monument" roundabout area nr A4130 junction</li><li>2. GC to speak to Taylor Wimpey about additional post box on Diamond Drive</li><li>3. GC to set up speed monitoring equipment on Blackthorn Road</li></ol> All actions will be carried forward to be completed by the next meeting in April
4	Matters Arising

# 1. Data Centre Presentation - Vic Angell, TFA

Thanks to Vic Angell from TFA (<https://www.tfaltd.co.uk/>) who joined the meeting to update us on the progress of the Didcot A Power Station data centre proposals (<http://www.didcotdatacentreconsultation.co.uk/index.html>). Vic addressed a number of issues, and took questions a number of questions on the night. Topics included:

- Noise
  - Data centres powered through National Grid medium voltage connection - highly reliable. Very few power loss incidents expected.
  - Diesel-powered backup generators will be used to maintain power in the event of a power failure. These must be tested on a regular basis, but tests will be limited to weekdays 7am-7pm, not on bank holidays or weekends.
  - Impact assessment shows that the noise impact will be negligible - "NOEL - No Observed Effect Level"
- Lighting
  - Adheres to council proposals to ensure no adverse effect on surrounding area
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- Landscaping
  - High quality landscaping and increased tree planting to enhance the site
- Cycle facilities
  - Cycle path on southern side of Milton Road - OCC would like to see one on the Northern Side also. A 5 metre strip of land has been provided for this on the master plan
- Sustainable transport
  - Transport assessment shows the site has good access to a range of sustainable travel.
  - Only 89 car parking spaces to be provided, 10% with electric car charging points, 5% car shares, and 6% for disabled bays
  - 20 cycle parking spaces
- Renewable Energy
  - Operator committed to net zero emissions by 2040 and has invested in renewable energy projects and is on path to be powered by 100% renewable energy by 2025
- Jobs
  - 400 full time construction jobs during construction + 120 jobs for fitting out
  - Data centre supports 40 FT jobs in 1st 3 years, then increasing to 50 FT jobs
  - Operator offers many opportunities for training and career development. Many schemes focused on unemployed/underemployed/veterans
- Questions
  - Why is diesel being used for backup power?

- Applicant feels Diesel is the only viable option
- Sally Povolotsky - Director, Oxfordshire's Living Laboratory
  - South Oxfordshire has a target of 2030 for zero emissions, especially diesel
  - Hydrogen is a viable alternative to diesel, already in use at Harwell Campus. Sally has offered a tour and knowledge sharing to show the developers what is possible
  - Biodiversity needs to be taken seriously
  - Solar PV is a very viable option for power
  - Oxfordshire Living Laboratory will be filing an official response to the proposals highlighting their concerns
- GC
  - Solar PV has a lot of benefits, including keeping some heat off the building and reduces the need for cooling
  - Overall, this is an improvement for the land based on what was there previously, and people are generally in favour of the development, so long as the environmental points raised are addressed appropriately
- CR
  - Not enough cycle parking compared to car parking - should be ample cycle parking for all employees

## 2. COVID 19 Community response

- Moving to Northern Neighbourhood Community Centre
- More grants becoming available to keep the service running as long as needed
- Helping reduce food waste by distributing food that would otherwise go to waste

## 3. Roof repairs from 2019 storms

- Residents have had mixed success getting remedial work done
- GC to chase Taylor Wimpey to find out final numbers who had remedial work done under warranty
- Residents - please let us know if you are still awaiting repairs, or if you were unable to get Taylor Wimpey (or your builder) to agree to repair your roof under warranty

## 4. Defibrillator Update

- Grant application in for council grants to supply units not only for GWP but also surrounding areas, to move towards the target of nobody being further than 500m from a defibrillator
- Dida Gardens defibrillator - David Wilson have said there isn't a suitable location to site a defibrillator

## 5. Cllr. Sarah Medley Update

- Community centre open for COVID19 support group
- From 12th April, the Northern District and Southern Community Centres will begin reopening, in line with government guidance

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Support groups, supervised activities for children, parent &amp; child groups, dance classes etc. Max 15 people</li> <li>● Skate park, Multi-use games area and tennis courts <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Remedial work now completed and legal work to transfer ownership to the council is progressing</li> </ul> </li> <li>● Leisure route now fully open</li> <li>● Didcot Garden Town <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Sounding board meetings twice a year</li> <li>○ Please sign up to Didcot Garden Town newsletter to be alerted of meetings  <a href="https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/business-and-economy/garden-communities/didcot-garden-town/">(https://www.southoxon.gov.uk/south-oxfordshire-district-council/business-and-economy/garden-communities/didcot-garden-town/)</a> </li> </ul> </li> <li>● Community Centres - if community groups are having trouble booking, contact Sarah &amp; Hayleigh who should be able to help</li> </ul> <p><b>6. Cllr. Hayleigh Gascoigne Update - Valley Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Application deferred pending further answers on healthcare provision, 5-arm roundabout, walking routes between Valley Park, Harwell and GWP. Not likely to be brought back to the planning committee before May or June, and only then if answers have been provided on the outstanding issues.</li> <li>● Planning committee decided to ask developers for their entire monetary commitment for biodiversity upfront, rather than in phases, mainly due to the excellent speech given by Sally Povolotsky at the planning meeting</li> </ul>
5	<p><b>Correspondence</b> None Received</p>
6	<p><b>Report Back from Officers</b> Nothing to report</p>
7	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p><b>1. GWP Gardeners Group - RS</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Proposal to deliver sunflower seeds to all houses on GWP and have a sunflower growing competition</li> <li>● Kind offer from Sally Povolotsky to donate seeds she already has which more than cover the requirement</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Positive feedback from local police - GC</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Residents cooperating with police have helped to recover stolen tools in a recent incident</li> <li>● Residents are encouraged to continue close cooperation with police</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Fly tipping</b></p>

- Recent issues in the area between Dida Gardens & GWP
- GC to find out if covert monitoring is possible to identify culprits

#### 4. Sustainable Didcot

- Solar Streets
  - Information evening coming up April 8th at 7pm
  - Uses power of bulk purchasing to reduce cost of solar installation and also benefits the community with cash back for each installation for community projects. Open to all OX11 postcodes.
  - Register interest at <https://sites.google.com/site/sustainabledidcot/energy/solar-streets-didcot?authuser=0>

#### 5. Litter in play parks/skate parks

- Litter picks may be an option again soon
- GC to contact Taylor Wimpey to make sure bins are being emptied to avoid litter spilling out of bins

#### 6. Hive Markets & Fun Trails - SP

- Hive Markets in Hendreds restarting on Easter Sunday and Harwell end of April
- Possibility to do one in GWP also - not currently scheduled
- Fun trails around GWP/Didcot history - maps are being produced for kids to use
- Oxfordshire Geocaching group - Environmental badges being set up to encourage children to collect recycling and recycle textiles, etc. Work in progress - should be ready soon.

#### 7. Archaeological Trail - DM

- Archaeological trail on GWP should have been completed, but hasn't been. Includes information boards to tell people about history of Great Western Park area
- DM chasing Taylor Wimpey to find out latest status
- Watch this space for updates!
- DM to ask about TW promised community notice boards also

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#### Actions to be completed by next meeting

1. DM to follow up on archaeological trail and notice boards with Taylor Wimpey
2. GC to contact Taylor Wimpey regarding bin collection in play parks and public spaces

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9	<p>Closed meeting at 9:20pm - date of next meeting:</p> <p><b>Monday 12th April 2021 8:00pm via Zoom. Details can be found on the GWPRA website and on our Facebook page under "Events".</b></p>