



Great Western Park Residents' Association Minutes



Attendees:	
Gareth Clarke (GC) - GWPR Chairperson Matt Harwood (MH) - GWPR Treasurer Craig Rouse (CR) - GWPR Vice Chairperson Tammi Williams (TW) - GWPR Environment Champion Avi Laws (AL) Jaco Maré Ian Snowdon - (IS) Helen Vass	Sarah Medley (SM) Trevor Jones Sally Povolotsky (SP) Hayleigh Gascoigne (HG) Denise Macdonald (DM) Priyanka Tiberawal Gordon Lundie Philip Mousley (Sustainable Didcot)

Monday 12th April 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">GC to contact TW regarding Postbox/wildflower planting/litter collections<ul style="list-style-type: none">Still outstanding - GC still to actionSetup assessment speed after lockdown ends. IS identified a problem area for speed on the south side of GWP that will be an additional target area for speed monitoring equipment. GC setting up an online calendar so various community groups can book out the speed monitoring equipment as needed.

	<p>3. Archaeological trail/ notice boards - Denise Macdonld</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ DM has been in touch with Rebecca Bowker at Taylor Wimpey and Karen Waggett (?unsure of spelling). Still pending - no significant progress. DM will keep chasing ○ No response regarding community notice boards - DM to keep chasing for us. Thank you, Denise! <p>All actions will be carried forward to be completed by the next meeting in May</p>
4	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Next meeting is the AGM in May when the committee will dissolve and elect new members <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Opening for Boundary Park Sports Association Rep - TW is happy to take this on. Thanks to Dave Roberts for his service up to now. ○ IT Admin post becoming vacant - JM volunteered to take this on. Thanks to Ron Milton-Eldridge for his service up to now. ○ GC indicated his intention to step down from the chair role at the AGM, but happy to move to another committee role. No volunteers have stepped forward for this so far. 2. Sunflower seeds - deliveries still ongoing. Greatly appreciated by the community so far. Thanks to the GWP Gardeners for this lovely community gesture. 3. Litter pick <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ TW, MH, HG, SM, SP did a COVID-safe litter pick around Boundary Park and Skate Park. Litter pickers also loaned to 2 families who did their own picks at the weekend. ○ Lots of litter around the skate park area, coffee cups, dog poo bags left near bins but not put in

them.

4. Soil Pollution/Contractor Waste

- Builders' rubbish seems a particular problem - lots of stray plastic, metal items. Signs that it has been affecting wildlife, especially badgers who have taken rubbish into their dens.
- More waste bins required; where bins are present, the litter problem is much less prominent.
- SP has taken soil samples to be tested at the Living Laboratory to find out the level of plastic pollution in the soil from builders' rubbish. Results due in a couple of weeks.

5. Air Quality Survey

- SP identified a need for an air quality survey. Of particular note was the security car guarding the entrance to the car park at the "Caterpillar Park" whose engine is running constantly.
- 10 Air quality sensors will be placed throughout GWP
 - i. Measures CO₂, NO_x, P10, P5, P3
 - ii. 6 month survey
 - iii. Funded by The Living Laboratory

6. Short-notice closure of Sir Frank Williams

Ave/Greenwood Way for resurfacing

- Not well-notified by Taylor Wimpey
- GC to follow up with Taylor Wimpey to ensure adequate notice is given in future

7. SP will be arranging a Pollinator Survey in the coming weeks/months - 10-15 min survey in gardens to identify pollinators. This will help with establishing baselines for future planning applications, e.g. Valley Park.

	<p>8. Retrospective planning application submitted for illegal encampment defence bunds. Agreed by town council, not yet agreed by SODC planning committee.</p> <p>9. COVID-19 Community Support Hub moved from the Northern to Southern Community Centre</p> <p>10. GWP Community Centres should be opening up in the coming weeks</p> <p>11. County Council and PCC elections Thursday 6th May 2021 - Northern and Southern community centres both being used as polling stations, as well as Boundary Park Pavilion</p> <p>12. Boundary Park opening outdoor Wednesday 5pm - Indoor on 17th May ; 25-26th June Festival and Beyond Boundary 27th June</p>
5	<p>Correspondence None Received</p>
6	<p>Report Back from Officers Nothing to report</p>

7	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. SP- Awaiting answer from OCCG regarding plans for the health centre. 2. SM - Tennis court contracts are almost finalised for BPSA to take on management of the tennis courts. Security gate now installed at courts by BPSA. 3. DM - Solar Streets has started. Please see banners at Boundary Park for further details, or contact Sustainable Didcot. 4. SP will get in touch with Boundary Park to talk about use of car park for local community markets to run on a regular basis.
8	<p>Actions to be completed by next meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. GC to contact TW regarding Postbox/wildflower planting/litter collections 2. DM to continue chasing Taylor Wimpey on trails and noticeboards 3. Speed monitoring - to be carried forward until after lockdown ends
9	<p>Closed meeting at 8:45pm - date of next meeting:</p> <p>AGM - Monday 10th May 2021 8:00pm via Zoom. Details can be found on the GWPRA website and on our Facebook page under "Events".</p>