



MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th NOVEMBER 2015

Present

Irene Watson (Chair)	Michael Addison (Resident)
Paul Davies (Vice Chair)	Wolf Ehlers (Resident)
Peter Hill (Treasurer)	Ian Rickard (Resident)
Cllr Hilary Addison (WBC)	John Green (Resident)
Cllr Rizwan Shah (WBC)	Jackie Waltham (Resident)
Cllr Chitra Rana (WBC)	Margaret Waters (Resident)
Cllr Colin Kemp (SCC)	Peggy Collins (Resident)
Nick Roach (WBC)	Ian Rickard (Resident)
Rev Kate Wyles (St Andrews Church)	Clive Drake (Resident)
Andy Morgan (GPRFC)	James Mackay (Resident)
Roger Westcott (Angling Club)	Steve Willson (Resident)
Roy Anders (Caretaker)	Ron Butler (Resident)
Peter Wells (Beaufort School)	Steve Davies (Resident)
Sean Larkin (Lakeside Christian Fellowship)	M E Head (Resident)
Karen Holdsworth-Cannon (Community Buildings Advisor, Surrey)	Sharon Kearney (Resident)
	Jenny Ingoe (Minutes Secretary)

1. WELCOME & OPENING

The Chair of the GPCA opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present to the 2015 Annual General Meeting.

2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Jonathan Lord MP, Cllr Ian Eastwood, Linda Hill (Newsletter Distributor), Cllr Saj Hussain, Cllr James Sanderson, Arran Henderson (WBC), Vanessa Tabner (WBC), Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager), Jackie Robb (Strollers), Sandy Bolger (Lakers), Paul Webster (Webster Consultancy), Tina Nowell (Beaufort School), Fran Siwicka (Waitrose), Simon Jeffs (Radio Sailing Woking), Tom Onions (Animal Warden), Royer Slater (Resident), Michael Farlam (Resident), Valerie Marsen (Resident)

3. MINUTES OF THE 2014 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The minutes of the AGM held on 19th November 2014 were agreed.

4. MATTERS ARISING

At the previous two AGMs, Ray Morgan, CEO WBC, had offered to help GPCA with unavoidable expenditure during the extended closure of the hall. IW was pleased to report that the promised funding had now been received.

Ray Morgan had also provided an update on the installation of CCTV. He has the specification for CCTV on the buildings but the specification for the surrounding area will be part of the proposed Master Landscape Plan for the area. The first phase of installation is due to start in December 2015.

5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

For reporting purposes, the GPCA's year is July to June but some of the reports may go a bit wider than this.

5.1 Meetings

Meetings continue to be held every other month and continue to be very well attended with around 25 people at each meeting. The mailing list of interested parties who get the minutes now stands at over 75.

5.2 The Hall

One of the GPCA's major functions is managing the Community Hall in Goldwater Lodge. During the reporting year, the final stretch of the rebuilding work was reached but matters did not go as smoothly as had been hoped. The lack of communication between the Council's architects, their consulting engineers and the GPCA resulted in delays and additional costs.

The hall was finally ready to open early in 2015 and, in general, GPCA is very pleased with the results. The quality of the fittings is good, the lighting is effective and there is a ventilation system which the hall did not have before. There are some design and construction problems which still need to be resolved.

Apart from the major investment by Woking Borough Council, the GPCA has invested in the Hall too, with some help from the local Surrey County Councillors. There is new equipment in the kitchen and the bar, a modular stage in the hall and some new furniture and storage space in the snug. Luckily, most of the furniture and all the curtains survived the ordeal by fire and only needed cleaning

The hall finally opened at the end of March and two open days were held so that as many people as possible could visit. There was a lunchtime reception with MP Jonathan Lord and the Mayor, those of the local Councillors who could attend and many residents. Catering was provided by Dianthus Trading, and entertainment by Sing Gold, the Goldsworth Park Community Choir.

During the opening, the bench outside the Hall commemorating the life and work of Peter Winter, past President, Chairman of the GPCA and Editor of Goldsworth News was dedicated.

Since the opening, bookings have been building up and there are regular bookings on four days a week and parties booked up to the middle of next year. GPCA works closely with our neighbours at Dianthus who helped our clients out when the hall was closed 3 years ago.

5.3 Communications Team

Another major function of the GPCA is the production of the community magazine – Goldsworth News, which is now published every other month.

Jeremy Hodge has been acting as editor for well over a year now and has managed to bring together a band of volunteers who take pictures, write articles and proof read. The results are very good. Advertising is now sourced by Paul

Webster while the design and print is undertaken by Knaphill Print. Linda Hill continues as the Newsletter distributor. She has managed to keep most deliverers on board and to find more, in spite of the less frequent production.

The GPCA has a new website – www.ourgoldsworthpark.org.uk designed and managed by Steve Willson. It is much more modern looking than was possible on the old Window on Woking site and is interactive. The site is still being developed and, if anyone has comments or suggestions, please let Steve know.

5.4 The Lake

The GPCA continues to be represented on The Goldsworth Park Lake and Recreation Ground Users Group which meets regularly, if not frequently (only twice in the past year) and acts as a co-ordinating group for all the organisations using the lake and surrounding area.

The current issue – not in the year in question – is the master landscape plan for improvements to the recreation ground. This has proved rather contentious and the Council is currently reviewing comments.

5.5 Other activities

The GPCA has been very busy with various activities and campaigns.

At the last but one AGM, two residents, Stephen Davies and Steve Willson volunteered to take on the project to replace the old, dilapidated street maps of Goldsworth Park. By the last AGM, they had a design and had identified a manufacturer. Once again, the local Surrey Councillors were very helpful with funding and finally, in February this year, the new maps were installed.

The GPCA was represented at the Remembrance Day Service at St Andrews and a wreath was laid at the memorial.

The biggest campaign involved the public toilet. Originally, the Council said they were planning to remove the “super-loo” and not replace it. After a successful campaign including a petition which gained about 750 signatures and a lot of publicity, the Council agreed to replace it. The GPCA was promised that the toilets would be open by June 2015 but this deadline slipped and they were finally opened at the beginning of September.

In the shopping centre, the children’s play equipment has still not been replaced although the design has been seen. The Newsagents has been reduced in size and work started, then stopped, on the Costa Coffee shop. There has been some work on the overhanging canopy but the biggest problem, the uneven paving, has not been addressed. Neither has there been any movement on the number of disabled car parking spaces.

The GPCA continues to try to support residents with problems such as the management of common areas, and planning issues such as houses with multiple occupancy. Currently GPCA is involved in responding to development proposals which affect Goldsworth Park such as Kestrel Way.

5.6 GPCA continues to work in co-operation with other groups on the lake and recreation ground, Radio Sailing Woking, Sea Cadets, Woking Hockey Club, Goldsworth Park Rangers Football Club, Dianthus Trading, Goldsworth Park Angling Club; and in the community, Goldsworth Care, Strollers, Lakers and new

neighbours the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice, for whom GPCA played host at the Dragon Boat Challenge.

5.7 The Chairman went on to thank everyone who has helped with the work of the GPCA during the year, particularly: -

- Paul Davies, Vice Chairman for his work and support with the hall and all the technicalities;
- Peter Hill for his sterling work as Treasurer;
- Jenny Ingoe for acting as Minutes Secretary and who is now standing down;
- Jeremy Hodge for editing Goldsworth News and his band of helpers for writing stories and proof reading;
- Steve Willson for developing and running the new web-site;
- Andy Hills and now Paul Webster for sourcing advertising and Knaphill Print for producing Goldsworth News;
- Linda Hill and the Goldsworth News deliverers, who go out in all weathers to keep residents in touch;
- Ian and Pauline Eastwood for their continued work on the hall and the bar;
- residents for their support and efforts.

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

6.1 Overall Position I&E

The accounts are produced on a receipts and payments basis and do not take into account the value of any bar stock held at year end. The main operating period is from 1st March, when the hall re-opened, to 30th June.

As can be seen, GPCA made a deficit of £12,771 against the previous year deficit of £4,055.

Income that is not related to the operating period relates to the SCC Members grant towards the cost of the new map boards that were installed at the beginning of the year at the main entry points.

A number of costs ceased shortly after the fire including the hall manager's fees and the cost of cleaning. However, some costs, such as insurance and waste charges, continued to be incurred for at least part of the time since the fire. Of the significant costs that have been incurred, the Treasurer reported as follows:

- The cost of repairs to and cleaning of the curtains and deep cleaning of those areas that were not impacted by the refurbishment but had to be cleaned prior to re-opening;
- Miscellaneous maintenance includes the cost of a PAT kit and training, carpentry works, suiting locks and new furniture;
- Refurbishment costs include the cost of white goods for the kitchen, new beer chilling kit, table trolleys and a new glass washer for the bar;
- Service costs are mainly gas and electricity; also included is the cost of a full check under the fire regulations that was undertaken before re-opening;
- Sundry hall expenses include the cost of the new modular stage system;
- Miscellaneous expenses include the cost of the Peter Winter Memorial Bench, the re-opening event and the installation of the new map boards;

Changes to the newsletter advertising and printing arrangements are reflected in the I&E statement

6.2 Balance Sheet

GPCA still has a healthy cash balance. The funds in the deposit account are not earning much in the way of interest, the current rate being 0.5%.

The Balance Sheet recognises the liability that arises from the Lake Bank Restoration Fund and these donations and costs are not passing through the GPCA I&E as they are not a GPCA activity.

The asset is the GPCA section of Goldwater Lodge building at original cost plus the cost of the extension built a number of years ago. For insurance purposes the value insured is at the cost of replacement and is arranged by WBC.

7 COMMUNICATIONS TEAM REPORT

In the absence of a report on Goldsworth News, SW encouraged residents to use the website and drew attention to the "Categories" on the website to aid filtering of information.

8 ELECTION OF OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Michael Addison took the chair. No nominations had been received prior to the meeting.

MA proposed Irene Watson as Chairman, this was seconded by Cllr Shah. IW was elected unanimously. IW proposed Paul Davies as Vice Chairman, seconded by Ron Butler. Cllr Rana proposed Peter Hill as Treasurer, seconded by Andy Morgan. Both PD and PH were elected unanimously.

There were no nominations or volunteers for the post of Minutes Secretary, so this role remains vacant.

9 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS

The Lake

Roger Westcott mentioned the 8 years support from GPCA for various lake projects. A proper Angling Club has now been founded that, although independent, has had background support and advice from GPCA. The club hopes to run Let's Go Fishing days and an ongoing educational programme.

The small ducks, Domestic Call Ducks, that have arrived on the lake are now much more alert to danger.

Kingfishers have not yet nested in the kingfisher bank but grey wagtails have. Kingfishers had been absent for most of the year, possibly due to the algae bloom on the lake, but now the water is clearing, they have been seen back on site.

The parakeets are back, as is usual in the autumn

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Cllr Shah commented that GPCA was a very good organisation and that meetings were always well attended. It was a privilege to work with GPCA.

Nick Roach expressed his thanks to GPCA for their hard work and achievements. There is no date for completion of Costa Coffee or the refurbished children's playground. IW will contact the managing agents about the roof.

The new hospice building will be a major construction and is due to be completed in 2017. Plans are available on WBC website.

Cllr Kemp advised those present that the councillors allocations are for use in the community, not just for GPCA, and that councillors are always looking for community projects to support.

Beaufort School's Christmas Fair will be held on 5th December 2015 from 3.00pm

St Andrews Church is holding a Community Carol Service on Sunday 13th December and a Christmas Lunch for vulnerable people on 23rd December 2015. If anyone from GPCA would like to do a reading at the Carol Service would they please contact IW.

There being no other business or questions, the Chair closed the meeting at 8.45pm.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period ended 30th June 2015

	2015 £	2014 £
INCOME		
Bank Interest	10.88	12.44
Bar Income:		
Takings	1,603.00	0.00
TOTAL Bar Income	1,603.00	0.00
Grant Income	1,436.26	0.00
Advertising Income	1,724.00	0.00
Hall Income:		
Bookings	2,309.41	10.00
TOTAL Hall Income	2,309.41	10.00
 TOTAL INCOME	 7,083.55	 24.37
EXPENDITURE		
Bar Expenses:		
Stock costs	977.70	0.00
Sundry	216.96	0.00
Wages	420.00	0.00
TOTAL Bar Expenses	1,614.66	0.00
 Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	427.74	0.00
Cleaning materials and equipment	0.00	0.00
Fire Damage repairs, cleaning etc	677.76	0.00
Maintenance	2,848.79	0.00
Manager	99.54	0.00
Rates & Rent	0.00	0.00
Refurbishment costs	5,689.28	0.00
Repairs - vandalism	0.00	0.00
Services Costs	968.54	(170.68)
Sundry	2,510.21	473.68
TOTAL Hall Expenses	13,221.86	303.00
Insurance	258.10	2,998.99
Charitable Donations	65.00	15.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,636.90	360.00
Newsletter Costs	1,400.00	0.00
Newsletter Distribution	275.00	345.76
Stationery & Post	236.96	56.36
Sundry general expenses	1,146.26	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	5,018.22	4,079.11
 SURPLUS of (Expenditure over Income) / Income over Expenditure	 (12,771.19)	 (4,054.74)

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2015

	2015	2014
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Bank	4,749.85	2,313.45
Barclays BPA	9,482.01	24,971.13
Cash	347.32	65.79
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	502.25	462.25
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	15,081.43	27,812.62
Other Assets:		
Asset	253,670.80	253,670.80
TOTAL Other Assets	253,670.80	253,670.80
TOTAL ASSETS	268,752.23	281,483.42
 REPRESENTED BY:		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES	502.25	462.25
EQUITY	268,249.98	281,021.17
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	268,752.23	281,483.42