

MEETING 19/3/80

Tony's

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

G.P.R.A. ' GALA FETE ' 26/5/80

<u>Letters Written</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Action By</u>
St. Johns Ambulance	Attendance. Static. Donation	G.P.
New Ideal Homes	Treasure Hunt. Spare Timber	G.P.
Maddox	Stalls available	G.P.
Beaufort School	Hoopla. Poster Display	G.P.
Allsop	Ponies	G.P.
Wiggs	Flying display	B.B.
Pyrford Gymnasts	Display Stall	B.B.
Woking Constabulary	Information. Static.	G.P.
R. Compton Allotment	Stall	G.P.
Woking Council Leisure	Confirm Lye	G.P.
Woking Council	Parking Space	G.P.
Canal Society	Stall Static Display	G.P.
Edwards	Icecream. Hot Dogs	G.P.
Mary Ann Toys	Current Details	G.P.
<u>Queries</u>		
Do we need licence pmagne type prizes	See Bar details should be covered	J.S.
Situation re tents	3 needed at least 1 Beer - 2 Tea, Cakes, Hotdogs 3 Tombola	T.P.
Woking Flying Display	Probably do not want	B.B.
L.J. Services (Woking 65329) Do we use for Hot Dogs as well as icecream	Yes. Not worth risk of going alone. Negotiate rates if possible.	G.P.
Trestling, Tarpaulins etc have we	Yes. Plus free delivery	T.P.
Do we need large and/or small mem hall	Try for both as reserves in case of weather like last year but anticipate large not available.	G.P.
Insurance for Fete additional required	Cover note for last year given to J.G.S.	J.G.S.
Equipment from Council, Bin Holders etc	Lease through R. Bell	B.E.
Do we need Cricket Pavilion. Have we written to cricket club.	Do not need Pavilion - Write to C.C.	G.P.

<u>Arena Activities</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Action By</u>
a) Fancy Dress	Yes	}
b) Flying Club	No	
c) Pyrford Gymnasts	Yes	
d) Childrens races	Sack	
	3 legged	
	Wheelbarrow	Yes
	Plus need something like Drum majorettes	B.B.
Opening Ceremony	Lady Mayor and Mr. Mayor Councilor Gammon to be invited to open and also judge fancy dress. Letter needed	G.P.
Did ATC provide static display last year	Yes Woking Squadron S. Avis BAA Weybridge - Letter	G.P.
Advertising	Being dealt with by R. Cole	R.C.
Need to fix date for agreeing programme	Attempt to fix date next G.P.R.A. meeting	all
Have we contacted Mann and Co re attendance at Fete	No - Will write - what about say baloons - see how advertising goes	G.P.
<u>Queries</u>		
Do we have bar	Ideal situation is to get local pub to run for us, with us (J.S) assisting. This takes out risk. We have plastic cups. A donation of say £50, £100 from whoever runs it would be nice but not essential. We to supply tent, trestle, tables	J.S.
How do we run Coke stall, Teas stall	In tent have Cakes, tea, hot dogs, soft drinks. Ask Toddlers Group to run. Does Edwards have tea urns we could use.	G.P.
P.A. System with music	Nothing obtained at the moment.	R.R. G.P. & All

<u>Queries</u>	<u>Comments</u>	<u>Action By</u>
Roundabouts	Contact has been made there 2 (R) provided plus 6 stalls for fixed contribution. Difficult to turn down but points need watching 1) He provide insurance 2) Lay Out 3) Type of stalls 4) Insurance	RR
Tombola	Hopefully C.H. will be about on the day, but scale down on last year a bit	GP
Manning of stalls, volunteer, publicity	Next G.P.R.A. meeting 11/3/80 will ask phase reps to provide at least one stall running team (say 3 people). Next newsletter early April will have to cover Gala Fete.	G.P. and News Editor

CURRENT SITUATION RE POSSIBLE STALLS

1. Treasure Hunt	Asked Ideal Homes
2. Empire Wheel	
3. Bottle Stall	
4. Balls in Buckets	
5. Teddy Bear Stall	Possibly Young Wives
6. Bank ing for a prize	
Hoopla	Asked Beaufort
8. Darts	
9. Horeshoes	
10. Tombola	Hopefully Colin Hardy
11/12. Roundabouts	External. May affect some of above
13/18. & 6 Stalls	
19. Icecream	Edwards (L.J. Services) O.K.
20. Teas, Cakes, Hot Dogs, Soft drinks	Toddlers Group
21. Pony Rides	Asked Allsop
22. Crazy Bikes	To contact H. Patterson
23. Plant Stall	Asked Allotment Society
24. Beer Tent	John Scratchley
25. Sweetstall	Sandra Peacock interested

26. St. Johns Ambulance
27. Pyrford Gymnasts
28. Woking Constabulary
29. Canal Society
30. A.T.C.
31. Mann and Company

Depending upon whether the Roundabouts and 6 stalls come we should look at:

- a) Coconut Shy
- b) Skittles
- c) Putting
-) Bring and Buy Stall

plus still open for any other suggestions

Copy for

- G. Pickles
- B. Beaupre
- J. Scratchley
- T. Peacock
- J. Goman-Smith
- R. Cole
- C. Hardy
- R. Rookes*

Goldsworth Park Residents Association 'Gala Fete' 26th May, 1980

Roundabouts	G.P. and R.R. visited 2nd March, 1980 to look at set up. Would be 2 Genny operated roundabouts plus 9 stalls Contribution still £60 plus donation of £20 value prize for raffle. Would need to set up Friday afternoon. Said will notify 12/3/80 as to decision.	Committee Meeting Needed to Discuss All
Icecream / Hot dogs	L.J. Services O.K. for day needs confirmation	G.P.
Land Basingstoke Canal and Woking Tyres	Apparantly Surrey County Council have purchased letter written.	G.P.
Woking Constabulary	Acknowledgement received	
Mary Ann Toys	Price list received	All - do we use?
P.A. System	Have contact for daily charge of £10. Have asked J. Scratchly to talk technical	
Memorial Hall St. John's	Letter written re availability of halls	G.P.

GOLDSWORTH PARK RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION.

Minutes of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING held on Tuesday, 11th November 1980.

PRESENT: Mr. John Goman-Smith Chairman.
Mr. Russ Cole Vice Chairman.
Mr. Graham Pickles Treasurer.
Mr. Richard Compton Chairman, Allotments Society.
Cllr. Pat Briley }
Cllr. Gordon Brown } Local Councillors.
Cllr. Roger Mayhew }
Cllr. Alan White Surrey County Council.
Mr. John Burton New Ideal Homes Ltd.
Mr. John Low Willett Homes Ltd.
Mrs. P. Ringshall Headmistress, Beaufort First School.
Mrs. J. Skitt Headmistress, Beaufort Middle School.
Mr. Mere Traffic Superintendent, Alder Valley.
50 Other Members of the G.P.R.A.

1) Introduction.

The Chairman opened the meeting, welcoming all those present.

2) The Minutes of the 1979 Annual General Meeting.

The Minutes of the 1979 AGM were accepted as a true record of the proceedings.

Proposed: Mr. Tony Peacock.

Seconded: Mr. Richard Compton.

3) The Revised Constitution.

The Chairman explained the need for three main revisions to the Constitution. Goldsworth Park was now becoming, at least in parts, a more settled community. It was necessary to see the community as a whole, rather than in individual phases. Furthermore, the Constitution needed to give us the flexibility to obtain and run a Community Centre.

Proposed: Freda Bransom.

Seconded: Richard Compton.

The revised Constitution was accepted overwhelmingly.

4) Election of Officers and Committee.

Under the revised Constitution, there would no longer be Phase Representatives. Instead, committee members would represent the Whole Park. The following were nominated and elected:-

Mr. John Goman-Smith	(Chairman)
Mr. Russ Cole	(Vice Chairman)
Mr. Graham Pickles	(Treasurer)
Mr. Richard Compton	
Mrs. Freda Bransom	
Mrs. Norah Greene	
Mr. Richard Whitehorn	
Mrs. Muriel Elms	
Mrs. Doreen Morris	
Mr. Robert Books	
The Rev. Andy Knowles	
Mr. Chris Kew	
Mrs. Hilary Lidstone.	

5) Chairman's Report.

The Chairman reported an active year in which the greatest handicap had been the loss of the Newsletter, basically the newsletter had foundered for lack of help.

On the positive side, the greatest breakthrough in 1980 had been the arrival of the buses, which now run through the Park. Goldsworth Park could no longer claim to be the largest traffic island in the world, and therefore the Guinness Book of Records had once again lost out. However, the dangers caused by the buses may result in a fatality if something was not done soon about the lack of footpaths and street lighting alongside the bus route. He had also received a number of telephone calls complaining about the timetable, and the apparent disregard for the needs of children going to school and people needing to get to work in Woking.

In May the Committee had carried out a comprehensive census of children living on the Park. When the final count was made, the number of children exceeded 1600, five-sixths of whom were under the age of 11. If these figures were conservatively projected to the time when the Park would be complete, there would be in excess of 3000 children. This figure exceeded all the school places for every school within a five-mile radius of the Park by over 300 children. This meant that there would be two children for every school place within five years. The Surrey Education Authority must realise that the situation on Goldsworth was in fact a reverse of the national trend, and this must be recognised before it was too late.

The number of children poses other problems. Facilities within and outside Goldsworth Park for children's recreation were hopelessly inadequate. This problem would get worse, and the Council, the Residents Association and the Developers must give it their urgent attention.

With regard to the Central Area, Russ Cole will report later however, Woking Borough Council continued to play games with the Public Enquiry. There was no likelihood of shops being open before June 1983 - nearly ten years from the start of the development.

The Chairman reported tremendous progress towards a Community Centre. The central aim in 1981 is to turn the long-held dream of a Community

Centre into a reality. We recognised the need for a place within easy reach of all parts of the Park. We saw around us the lonely, Housebound senior citizens, isolated mothers - and young children having to play in the road. A Centre was needed for these people to meet for social get-togethers during the day and in the evening.

The aim was to build a temporary structure which would last about eight years. We already had about one-third of the cost for such a project. In the long term we hoped for a permanent building, financed by government grants and by the Centre itself. The Centre is within our grasp now if everyone helped. We needed less than one pound from every person on the Park to achieve this goal. It is now up to the residents to achieve this goal. Our slogan for 1981 should be "Goldsworth Park makes dreams come true".

The Chairman gave his personal thanks to the Committee for the tremendous support and help they have given him, especially all the hard work they have done.

The Chairman concluded his report by thanking Mr. Bob Eagleson who is having to relinquish his work for the Residents Association, due to other personal commitments for the effort and hard work over the last six years. Mr. Russ Cole paid tribute to Mr. Eagleson's extraordinary contribution to the GPRA from its inception as a founder member - including his walk from Land's End to Woking which had raised over £2,500 for a Community Centre. He has kept the GPRA going by his own hard efforts. Russ Cole proposed that Bob Eagleson become Honorary President for the next year, the Chairman seconded this, and the meeting voted unanimously for this.

Mr. Bob Eagleson was presented with a token gift, and thanked for his hard work over a period of some six years. Mr. Eagleson responded with a short speech, thanking the meeting for making him Honorary President and he then emphasised the frustrations of lack of help in the Residents Association in the past. He paid special tribute to Mr. Ron Bell, Mr. Tony Peacock, Mr. Richard Compton and for the past committees.

6) Treasurer's Report and Approval of the Accounts.

The Treasurer reported that subscriptions had been up to £831 from £636, but it had been a poor year due to lack of phase representatives. He explained why subscriptions had been dropped. There had been only one dance. There had been a small surplus on last year's fireworks, and a surplus of some £40 was expected on this year's display on the sale of 850 tickets. Interest earned on money invested will be the biggest money raiser.

£25 from the Lakeview Community Jubilee Fund had been donated to the GPRA, to go towards the Goldsworth Community Centre. The Treasurer's report and accounts was accepted by the meeting.

Proposed: Mr. Russ Cole

Seconded: Chairman.

7) Allotment Society Report - 3rd Year.

Mr. Richard Compton reported a good year on the land. The Allotments Society had a strong membership, a sound financial base, a lease had been signed with the Council, a central shed had been installed, and a water supply laid on.

The Annual Show at Lakeview had been well organised and successful. Mr. Tobin had come third in the Borough competition for the best plot cultivated by a new tenant. Mr. Compton himself had won the Jock Ramsay Shield for the largest marrow. The Allotments Society as a whole had come sixth out of nine in the Borough site competition, and Mr. John Arkinstall had again won first prize for the best plot.

On a lighter note, there had been slight trouble with vandalism, and a scarecrow was helping police with their enquiries.

Mr. Compton thanked the local Councillors for their help, the Council Officers and paid tribute to his indefatigable committee members.

8) Social Secretary's Report.

In the absence of a Social Secretary, Mr. Tony Peacock reported an excellent barn dance early in the year, and thanked Colin Hardy and his family for their contribution to its success. The Gala, on the other hand, had failed due to lack of support and future of it doubtful. Mr. Bob Eagleson had again organised the firework display almost single-handed in every respect, nearly a thousand people had turned up to enjoy it.

Mr. Peacock described the future for social activities as bleak and in the residents hands. There was a need for either a new Social Secretary, or at least a number of organisers to set up individual events to try and save the future of social activities. The lack of a Community Centre was a continuing drawback in organising social functions for all ages.

9) Newsletter.

The Rev. Andrew Knowles reported that there was no newsletter at the present time. He had resigned at Easter on taking up other responsibilities. Mr. Keith Ireland had edited the newsletter for a single issue, but had been moved from the area. There has been no newsletter since that time.

There is a need for a newsletter so that people can communicate with one another, to know of the developers plans and for a community to develop. It is hoped in the future to produce a printed newsletter to be delivered free to every home on the estate. This would require a team of about 16 people, to handle news-gathering, advertising, production and distribution.

10) Community Centre and Central Area.

Mr. Russ Cole reported that discussions and meetings had continued between the Residents Association, the Church and the Developer, regarding a Community Centre in the Central Area.

The Developer's architect, Scott, Brownrigg and Turner, were thanked for providing outline plans for such a Centre, incorporating ideas submitted by the Residents Association and the Church. This plan was available for inspection by anyone interested after the meeting. It showed church and community facilities built adjacent to each other, linked by a common foyer and cloakrooms. Your committee has provisionally approved these plans.

The cost of such a project would be between £120,000 and £150,000. The GPRA's present course of action was to press the Developer for designation of a specific site, submit an outline planning application to the Council, and apply for the appropriate grants. The time scale of achieving this is dependant on the resolution of the Central Area.

Russ Cole outlined the problems of the Central Area and the deferred planning enquiry to be held mid-October. Further enquiry set for January 20th.1981.

11) Developer's Report.

There are now 2000 families on the estate and he expressed his feelings about the GPRA.

Mr. John Burton reported an average year from the Developer's point of view, with some 250 new families moving on to the estate, mainly into small houses, 2/3 bedrooms. In the present economic climate, he anticipated another similar year, with increasing demand for small detached houses.

In the coming year, Phases 18 and 17,15,34,11, were to be completed. In addition, the go-ahead had been given for Phases 35,17, an extension of 16, and 27. Two lakeside phases, 28 and 31, had also been approved. Mr. Burton anticipated that Phases 35 and 27 would be started in the Spring of 1981.

The Developers had been happy to locate the Community Centre in the Central area, near the car park, shops and amenity area. The stalemate between the Council and the Developers over the size of the Supermarket would now go the Appeal on the 20th January 1981. The Developer had submitted a series of proposals including a new supermarket of 28000 or 32000 sq.ft. and all these alternatives would be put forward at the Appeal. The Inspector would produce a recommendation document, About six or nine months after the Appeal, and Mr. Burton anticipated that the central area would then proceed quite rapidly in some form. The GPRA could know the site for a Community Centre by September 1981. The shops would be provided sometime in the Summer of 1983 and he believed they may be up to six months earlier.

12) Questions.

The Chairman opened the meeting to questions.

The main points arising from the questions were as follows:-

- a) Cllr. Gordon Brown informed the meeting that Sheerwater was ahead of Goldsworth Park in application for a Community Centre grant. Old Woking Community Centre provided an excellent example of what could be done by a determined and enterprising Residents Association. Mr. Russ Cole estimated that the GPRA has about £5000 towards a Community Centre, which could be matched pound for pound by government grants.
- b) John Burton explained that maintenance of communal grass areas were their responsibility until adopted by the Council.

- c) In answer to complaints about the danger to pedestrians walking on the roads used by the buses, Mr. Burton reported that lighting would be provided within the next three weeks. It was the County Council which had decided there should be no footpaths alongside distributor roads. Cllr. Roger Mayhew emphasised the urgent need for a network of footpaths, and this was acknowledged by Mr. Burton.
- d) Mr. Burton reported a plan for Brookwood Farm to be incorporated into the layout of a filling/service station, possibly as a manager's house.
- e) In answer to a question by Mr. Gordon Dow about preservation of trees on the estate, Cllr. Gordon Brown reported that tree preservation orders are sometimes superseded by subsequent planning. In addition, there is inevitable damage to roots by bulldozers on occasions. Mr. Eagleson pointed out that the change in water level on the estate, as the lake is developed, will inevitably kill some trees.
- f) In answer to a question by the Chairman about the gritting and sanding of roads in the winter, it was evident that there was some confusion between the Developer and the Council as to who was responsible. Cllr. Gordon Brown expected the Council to grit the roads, for the Developer's account.
- g) In answer to a question by Mr. Russ Cole on provision of a bus service from Robin Hood Road to St. John's, a traffic superintendant at Woking Bus Garage said that the former 250 bus route may be reinstated in a very limited way in due course.
- h) Cllr. Roger Mayhew urged the meeting to decide where it stood on the question of supermarket size. He asserted that the Council could not find any expert witness to back their case at the forthcoming Appeal. If the Council lost, and the Developer asked for costs, there would be a considerable waste of ratepayers' money. A show of hands revealed a preference for the larger supermarket by 50 votes to 9. Mr. Burton assured the meeting he had 'every confidence' that Sainbury's would be interested in a 19,000sq.ft. unit net sales area.
- i) In answer to a question about mobile shops, Cllr. Roger Mayhew reported difficulty in finding anyone to operate one.