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Dear Fellow Resident / Committee Member,

I enclose the minutes of the GPCA meeting held on 31st January 2017.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th April 2017.

I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Watson,
Chair.

GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT
7.30pm ON TUESDAY 25th APRIL 2017**

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, GOLDWATER LODGE, GOLDSWORTH PARK

1. OPENING
2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING
3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING
4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE
5. TREASURER'S REPORT
6. HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT
7. COMMUNICATIONS TEAM REPORT
8. NATURAL GOLDSWORTH PARK PROJECT REPORT
9. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 31ST JANUARY 2017

Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)

Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)

Steve Willson (Web Master)

David Powell (Note Taker)

Roy Anders (Caretaker)

Royer Slater (Resident/Goldsworth News)

Andy Morgan (GPRFC)

Liz Wilkinson (Resident)

Apologies:

Peter Hill (Treasurer), Linda Hill (Newsletter Distribution), Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager), Ian Eastwood (Bar Manager), Gerald Smeesters (Committee Member), Hilary Addison (Resident), Roger Westcott (Fishing Club), Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (WBC)

1. OPENING

IW opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present to the first of the quarterly meetings for 2017.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

Any matters will be dealt with under regular agenda items.

4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

The application to build two new houses on the small patch of land behind Waitrose was appealed by the developer, but the appeal was not upheld.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

IW circulated the accounts for the period 1st July 2016 to 29th January 2017.

Income from the hall and bar continues to be satisfactory. Goldsworth News is breaking even with no difficulty in recouping the advertisement costs.

6. HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

Bookings continue to be good, often with bars. The website diary is up to date. Various small repairs are required. PE, PD and IW to liaise.

7. BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

Bar bookings depend on hall bookings for parties with bars and, at present, bookings are satisfactory.

8. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT

IW reported that the January/February magazine will be out on Friday, 3rd February.

In future, the magazine will be published in the middle of each two-month period.

IW reported that, at last, a new editor – George Binyon - had taken over. George has significant experience in journalism so is ideal for the job. The January/February issue is his first and he may be making some alterations to the magazine.

SW reported continued use of the website for information and hall bookings. Sometimes it appears enquirers have difficulty in finding the information they require, and it was suggested that side panels and Frequently Asked Questions might solve this problem.

There had been no further progress on the woking.interests.me website or the Surrey Community website – IW and SW to progress.

9. NATURAL GOLDSWORTH PARK

IW suggested that this section should be renamed Natural Goldsworth Park, instead of Lake Matters, as the project encompassing the meadow, wetland and woodland links closely with the lake.

In the absence of GS, the project leader, IW provided an update. GS had produced a very interesting Vision for the project which has been discussed with Woking Borough Councillors for Goldsworth Park and Horsell, and with the officers involved in the Natural Woking Strategy. Martin Slocock, whose family used to own the land, has agreed to be patron of the project. The Vision is on the website for all to read.

The future of the project depends on the Council's intentions for the area. A report entitled Strategy for Outdoor Facilities was presented to the Council's Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 23rd January; it listed sites for 13 new football pitches and, encouragingly, made no mention of North Meadow. A consultants' report on Woking Playing Pitch and Outdoor Sports Facilities Strategy and an Action plan were appended to the officer's report. The consultants, who had consulted national sports bodies and local sports clubs but not residents of the areas affected, predicted that 13 new pitches would be needed to cater for demand by 2027 but then listed sites for 15+ new pitches – including North Meadow. In the Action Plan, it was suggested that two pitches could be constructed in North Meadow within 3 – 5 years "*if it is not feasible to use other under-utilised sites*".

The Committee discussed North Meadow and residents' wishes to see the meadow retained, and it was said that the minutes would reflect this. The point was made that, if there is a threat to the long-term future of North Meadow, the GPCA will not be able to secure grant funding for the work necessary to bring the Vision to life. It is not clear what, if any, recommendation will be made to the Council's Executive Committee when it considers the report on 23rd March.

AM reported that he had just come from a meeting with WBC where he had been told that the report, strategy and action plan were not available for discussion at present and would not be available until the middle of March.

Any updates will be posted on the website.

IW reported on behalf of RW that there was not a lot of activity on the lake but Thames Water had tested the water for oxygen levels, and these had been found to be low due to the ice cover.

RA reported that rubble had been thrown from the Sea Cadets platform building site

on to the ice. It was agreed that the Sea Cadets should be asked to make every effort to complete the platform without further delay – the project has already dragged on for seven years or more. SW mentioned that there was a bag of marble chippings in a parking space in Blencarn Close which might be available for lakeside use.

DP asked about footpath maintenance, and the possibility of replacing trees that had died or blown down. DP asked about planting along the Claydon Road fence, but this might require agreement with property owners. GS and Hannah Jennings to advise.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 10.1 IW reported that a community litter pick had been carried out on 12th November – thank you to Cllr Ann-Marie Barker and Hannah Jennings, our Neighbourhood Officer and the residents who came along in very poor weather. Thank you also to Costa who sent a couple of staff along to help. Another would be arranged in April.
- 10.2 The GPCA had taken over from the Church and organised a Christmas Tree for the shopping centre in December 2016. This required permission from the managing agents, a risk assessment and public liability insurance. All the shops, the Church and the GPCA contributed to the cost of the tree and the Church provided the decorations which had been donated in previous years. Volunteers from the GPCA, Angling Club and the Church helped to put it up and decorate it. There were carols led by SingGold when the lights went on and Costa's provided mince pies.
- 10.3 DP mentioned the switching off of street lighting between 11pm and 5am as proposed by SCC which would commence in February. Lighting around the lake would not be affected.
- 10.4 DP mentioned the referendum on the proposed 15% increase in council tax to pay for social services in the county. There was a general discussion about the cost of care homes for the elderly. It was thought that the referendum would take place in May at the same time as the local government elections.
- 10.5 DP mentioned the revised No.91 bus route caused by the town centre redevelopment.
- 10.6 AM mentioned the football tournament on 10/11 June. He offered the GPCA the opportunity to advertise the Hall in the Programme and would write an article for Goldsworth News following the tournament.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th April 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

Profit & Loss Comparison
01/07/15 Through 29/01/17

Category Description	01/07/16- 29/01/17	01/07/15- 29/01/16
INCOME		
Interest	4.60	2.36
Bar Income:		
Takings	12,088.47	6,135.23
Bar Income-Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Bar Income	12,088.47	6,135.23
Grants received	0.00	5,401.74
Hall Income:		
Hall booking income	20,772.50	12,690.75
Hall Income-Other	0.00	722.50
TOTAL Hall Income	20,772.50	13,413.25
Advertising Income	3,775.00	4,874.75
Social	-48.68	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	36,591.89	29,827.33
EXPENSES		
Bar Expenses:		
Stock costs	7,361.55	3,372.41
Sundry bar expenses	89.46	191.00
Wages	2,340.07	1,505.00
TOTAL Bar Expenses	9,791.08	5,068.41
Donations	265.00	115.00
Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	1,227.54	1,057.80
Cleaning Equipment	0.00	70.73
Cleaning Mat.	254.88	202.93
Miscellaneous maintenance	531.03	348.91
Hall Manager	1,570.47	2,151.96
Rent and Rates	423.00	423.00
Refurbishment costs	0.00	0.00
Services Costs	2,475.84	1,719.25
Sundry Hall expenses	-180.00	237.04
TOTAL Hall Expenses	6,302.76	6,211.62
Insurance	1,073.07	851.38
Miscellaneous Expenses	154.53	251.40
Newsletter costs	3,725.50	6,084.00
Newsletter Dist	185.00	165.00
Stationery & Postage	91.17	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	21,588.11	18,746.81
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	15,003.78	11,080.52

Balance Sheet as at 29th January 2017

As of 29/01/17

Acct	29/01/17 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Barclays Business Saver Account	18,492.55
Barclays Current Account	13,636.88
Cash Account	8,245.19
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	409.40
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TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	40,784.02
Other Assets	
Asset	253,670.80
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TOTAL ASSETS	294,454.82
LIABILITIES	0.00
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OVERALL TOTAL	294,454.82
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