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Dear Fellow Resident / Committee Member,

I enclose the minutes of the GPCA meeting held on 25th April 2017.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 25th July 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

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GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th APRIL 2017

Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)	Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (WBC)
Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Colin Kemp (Surrey CC)
Peter Hill (Treasurer)	Hannah Jennings (WBC)
Steve Willson (Web Master)	Hilary Addison (Resident)
George Binyon (Editor Goldsworth News)	Ron Butler (Resident)
Gerald Smeesters (Project Manager)	Peggy Collins (Resident)
Ian Eastwood (Bar Manager)	Aenne Hayman (Resident)
David Powell (Note Taker)	Holger Marsen (Resident)
Roy Anders (Caretaker)	Jackie Waltham (Resident)
Roger Westcott (Angling Club)	Liz Wilkinson (Resident)
Gary Rimay-Muranyi (Dianthus Trading)	

Apologies :

Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager), Valerie Marsen (Resident), Margaret Waters (Resident).

1. OPENING

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

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

Nothing to report other than those mentioned under regular agenda items.

4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

PH circulated the accounts for the period 1st July 2016 to 23rd April 2017 which showed a continuing healthy position.

6. HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT

Bookings continued to be buoyant and although enquiries were often received at short notice. Requests for regular bookings at weekends are not accepted as it is more profitable to hire the hall for parties with bars. However, bookings with bars are down at present. It is time to review hire prices as this has not been done since before the hall reopened in 2014.

Some expenditure is planned for new chairs for the snug bar, new bottle coolers for the bar, a magazine rack for the lobby and external signage to Goldwater Lodge.

7. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT

GB reported that two members of the Goldsworth News editorial team were leaving and invited contributions from other residents.

SW reported that there was a regular level of traffic on the website, the most viewed pages being about the Hall. IW suggested that there should be general gallery of pictures of activities such as the recent litter pick, perhaps scrolling across the home page. IE suggested more pictures of the Hall and the activities there to encourage hirers.

GB has set up a Twitter account for the GPCA and has revived the Facebook account. SW and IW will set up an account on woking.interests.me as a means of communicating with residents and other local organisations.

There have been delays on getting back copies of Goldsworth News onto the website. The editorial team has recommended that only the past 2 – 3 years of magazines need to be accessible as on the website if the remainder are at the Surrey History Centre. IW will send SW the copies to upload.

8. Natural Goldsworth Park

GS reported that, on 6th April, WBC had agreed that North Meadow would not be included in the Playing Pitch Strategy for the next 10 years. The need now was for expert advice on soil condition and botany matters and GS had arranged a meeting with Arran Henderson and Tracey Haskins to ascertain what had already been carried out. CK suggested Catherine Waters as a drainage expert and Paul Rimmer, also from WBC, as people who could be consulted. The next step will be to identify small projects within the overall scheme to develop into proposals for funding applications. RW mentioned that his experience of getting the lake project under way in 2007, showed that it was necessary to have a fully worked plan with timing and costings to show to potential funders. There would be a separate part of the GPCA's accounts to manage income and expenditure on the project as there is for the Lake Project. The project would benefit from publicity to help with fund-raising and G R-M reminded the meeting that the Dragon Boat race day would be an ideal opportunity to raise the profile of the project. LW expressed concern that the North Meadow would be spoiled by enhancements but GS explained that the intention was to improve the area in a natural way.

RW reported that, with spring under way, there was much activity on the lake with various families of swans, moorhens, coots and grebes nesting, and the irises, reeds and rushes growing. There was little sign of frog spawn this year; amphibians were having a hard time all over the country. The small white duck, one of a pair of ducks that arrived last year, has not been seen for a while and many people are concerned. RW hoped that it was nesting in the woods but it may have succumbed to predators.

RW reported that there had been an influx of Cormorants on the lake which had decimated the fish stocks. There was little that could be done in the way of deterrents in the short term, and the Angling Club would consult the Environment Agency before restocking the lake.

IE asked about progress on the Sea Cadets platform; GR-M advised that further work to attach side bars and then to backfill the platform was in progress.

DP had requested information on WBC/Serco policy of replacing trees that had blown down or died. RW mentioned that there was a Borough wide policy to replace trees, but not necessarily in the same neighbourhood.

DP had asked about planting along the bare fences between Claydon Road and the Park. If the land does not belong to the property owners, planting could be part of the North Meadow project.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS

9.1 IW reported that a community litter pick had taken place on 22nd April and there had been a good turnout of 20 - 25 residents, local councillors and Waitrose partners. IW expressed thanks to Hannah Jennings for providing equipment and hi-viz jackets. Another litter pick would be planned for October. LW suggested better publicity with notices put up on lamp-posts the week before.

9.2 IW advised that the shopping centre and car park is up for sale for £17.4m as an investment property. Ownership had changed hands a number of times since construction, with no obvious difference to the shops and the area. It would be necessary to restart discussions about disabled parking bays to meet the requirements of the DDA.

9.3 IW reported that a number of residents had complained about smoking in the courtyard of the shopping centre. The outside seating at Costa's is used by smokers as are the seats provided by the site owners. There is concern about the proximity to the children's playground and the effects of passive smoking as the smoke can linger in the enclosed area. Council playgrounds now have signs up asking people not to smoke in the playground, but the courtyard is private property and the owners would have to be approached for permission to put up signs.

A letter on the subject will be published in Goldsworth News to test opinion and there was general agreement at the meeting that the area should be smoke-free. Support should be sought from Waitrose and Boots for the no smoking signs.

A-MB advised that in the town centre, Costa's is no-smoking as it is under cover and Cafe Rouge has recently gone "no smoking" voluntarily.

9.4 IW mentioned the joint initiative between the Council and the NHS to make people more aware of dementia and create dementia friendly communities. Goldsworth Park is one of the first areas to be identified. IW had attended a couple of meetings which had been attended by representatives from Waitrose, Boots, the Post-Office, the Church, Strollers, etc. She felt that the input needed from the GPCA's at the moment was limited but Sue Johnson, a resident, had offered to join the steering group to keep a watching brief on our behalf and to keep the GPCA informed.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 DP asked about abandoned estate agents' boards; IW recommended that residents contact the estate agents frequently about abandoned boards. A-MB thought that there were planning regulations about the length of time a board could be displayed before it had to be removed. This will be investigated.

- 10.2 IW reminded the meeting the new Woking Hospice would have open days on 29th April, 2nd and 3rd May.
- 10.3 HM expressed gratitude to SCC for painting yellow lines near the junction with his road which have improved access for residents.
- 10.4 LW mentioned the problem of fly-tipping of garden rubbish on the open land near Willowmead Close. RW said that garden waste was fly-tipped into the wildlife area. It is difficult to identify those responsible.
- 10.5 SW asked who was responsible for cleaning the Goldsworth Park maps. As the GPCA put them up, it is assumed that it is responsible for maintenance and SW offered to undertake this task.
- 10.6 GR-M said there was now an accessible defibrillator at the Dianthus Building and he was providing first aid and resuscitation training.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, 25th July 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.45 hrs.

Profit & Loss Comparison

01/07/15 Through 23/04/17

Category Description	01/07/16- 23/04/17	01/07/15- 23/04/16
INCOME		
Interest	4.60	4.00
Bar Income:		
Takings	14,426.78	8,827.86
Bar Income-Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Bar Income	14,426.78	8,827.86
Grants received	0.00	5,401.74
Hall Income:		
Hall booking income	27,468.50	18,620.25
Hall Income-Other	0.00	722.50
TOTAL Hall Income	27,468.50	19,342.75
Advertising Income	5,941.50	6,361.50
Social	-48.68	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	47,792.70	39,937.85
EXPENSES		
Bar Expenses:		
Stock costs	8,359.62	4,784.87
Sundry bar expenses	726.25	331.02
Wages	2,930.07	2,147.50
TOTAL Bar Expenses	12,015.94	7,263.39
Donations	265.00	115.00
Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	1,862.98	1,567.80
Cleaning Equipment	0.00	70.73
Cleaning Mat.	310.82	202.93
Miscellaneous maintenance	1,912.66	348.91
Hall Manager	2,574.19	2,715.96
Rent and Rates	423.00	423.00
Refurbishment costs	0.00	0.00
Services Costs	4,146.14	3,339.27
Sundry Hall expenses	200.52	382.84
TOTAL Hall Expenses	11,430.31	9,051.44
Insurance	1,435.14	2,097.15
Miscellaneous Expenses	154.53	306.01
Newsletter costs	6,752.00	7,566.25
Newsletter Dist	405.00	278.00
Stationery & Postage	91.17	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	32,549.09	26,677.24
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	15,243.61	13,260.61

Balance Sheet as at 23rd April 2017

As of 23/04/17

Acct	23/04/17 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Barclays Business Saver Account	18,492.55
Barclays Current Account	14,026.42
Cash Account	8,095.48
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	409.40
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	41,023.85
Other Assets	
Asset	253,670.80
TOTAL Other Assets	253,670.80
TOTAL ASSETS	294,694.65
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	294,694.65