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Dear Fellow Resident / Committee Member,

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

The next meeting will be the AGM at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 7th November 2017.

I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Watson,
Chair.

GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th JULY 2017

Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)	Ron Butler (Resident)
Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)	Peggy Collins (Resident)
Peter Hill (Treasurer)	Clive Drake (Resident)
Steve Willson (Web Master)	Margaret Hussey (Resident)
George Binyon (Editor Goldsworth News)	Holger Marsen (Resident)
Gerald Smeesters (Project Manager NGP)	Valerie Marsen (Resident)
Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager)	Jamie Sharpley (Resident)
David Powell (Note Taker)	Katie Sherlock (Resident)
Roger Westcott (Angling Club)	Jackie Waltham (Resident)
Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (WBC)	Margaret Waters (Resident)
Cllr Colin Kemp (Surrey CC)	Liz Wilkinson (Resident)
Hannah Jennings (WBC)	Chris Wright (Resident)
Hilary Addison (Resident)	Sheila Wright (Resident)
	Jan Bawsher (Visitor)

Apologies :

Saj Hussain (SC Councillor), Chitra Rana (WB Councillor), Ian Eastwood (Bar Manager) Gary Rimay-Muranyi (Dianthus Trading), Roy Anders (Resident), Sue Johnson (Resident), Sally Pidgeon (Resident), Royer Slater (Resident)

1. OPENING

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

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

IW requested that those residents present who did not receive the minutes by email should provide their email addresses so that they could be added to the mailing list.

3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

IW reported that the new Woking and Sam Beare Hospice is now open.

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

4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

None.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

PH circulated the accounts for the period 1st July 2016 to 30th June 2017 which showed a surplus of income over expenditure of £16,164.00, compared with £10,792.00 in the previous year. This was a result of increased bookings for the hall.

There are a few transactions as yet to be accounted for then the year end accounts can be finalised.

6. HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT

On behalf of the GPCA, IW recorded thanks to Roy and Win Anders who had cleaned the hall for many years and who had only recently retired. They did a great job, starting after the usual retirement age and continuing for a long time. We wish them a happy retirement.

The GPCA supported the Hospice with their Dragon Boat Day on 25th June by opening the Hall for registration and refreshments throughout the day. Dianthus provided bacon rolls then the GPCA took over serving tea and cake – for a donation – and together raised £320.00. The bar was open all day and made a donation to the Just Giving page opened by Wayne Eastwood to raise money to purchase a recliner bed/chair for the Hospice, in memory of Kym Eastwood, one of our own.

GS had a display on Natural Goldsworth Park in the Hall which he can tell you about.

The GPCA is investing in the Community Hall to keep it in good order – new arm chairs in the snug, two new bottle coolers in the bar and a smart rack for magazines and leaflets in the lobby. There will shortly be a new sign pointing visitors in the right direction.

We are promoting the Hall in the next issue of Goldsworth News; please tell your friends and relatives about this great venue. PE reported that interest in the Hall comes from local residents and from people from some distance away.

7. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT

GB reported that the next edition of Goldsworth News would be available this weekend 29/30 July 2017. There were 7 or 8 roads where the News was not delivered and there is a request for more deliverers in this issue. Regular advertisers were showing continued loyalty to the magazine. From the September/October edition, the vicar of St Andrews will have a regular column.

On social media, there were a number of followers on Twitter including IM Group, the new owners of the shopping centre. The Facebook page had been set up as a personal not organisational one and the “friends” were not necessarily interested in supporting the GPCA.

SW reported that the magazine is now posted on the website and that there is an archive of previous editions.

SW reported that there is not a great deal of traffic on the website, 509 hits had been recorded since the last report of which 90% were new users. Most visitors to the site were interested in the Hall - charges, facilities and booking arrangements.

SW and IW will discuss setting up an account on woking.interests.me as a means of communicating with residents and other organisations. SW said that there were now two versions available - one free, which permitted 250 people on the mailing list and thus too restrictive for the GPCA, and a version costing £20 per month, for which it seemed difficult to justify the expenditure. SW and IW would reflect further on this.

8. Natural Goldsworth Park

GS reported that, sadly, the Patron of Natural Goldsworth Park, Mr Martin Slocock, had passed away in June but he is in touch with the Slocock family about continuing to develop the relationship.

GS circulated a diagram of the North Meadow showing the paths mown across the area and suggested that each area of the meadow could be examined one at a time. The plan showed the sites where soil samples had been taken in the past; he is now seeking people with skills in soil analysis, etc., to contribute to the overall plan. Various suggestions were made as to the source of expert advice - Merrist Wood, RHS Wisley, Surrey Wildlife and Natural England. It was also felt that contact and liaison with local groups such as the Horsell Common Preservation Society should be established. CK mentioned that RHS Wisley had a graduate scheme and perhaps someone could help on this project.

LW thought that it was important to identify the existing plants in the North Meadow, if only by their common names, such as nettles, thistles, vetch, couch and she had recently made a list. A list of all the birds and mammals would also be useful. It is known that there are owls and woodpeckers, and also five species of bats. RW reported that, for the first time in many years, a kestrel had been seen over the meadow. SW advised that a format was required for recording the data, such as grid references and item codes, and reference to the Horsell Common data might be useful in this respect.

It was suggested that Natural Goldsworth Park should have its own Facebook and Twitter pages to allow regular updates. There are already many pages set up by people interested in birdwatching, beetles and butterflies.

At a previous meeting, DP had asked about planting along Claydon Road; GS said it was not part of the NGP project at this time.

Moving on to the lake, RW reported that membership of the fishing club, now in its third year, continued to rise. A boat had been purchased, which could be used for maintenance and swan rescue, and a trailer which would be useful in tidying up work. A recent work party had lopped low hanging branches, maintained reed beds and picked up litter. Dead and dying trees had been reported to Serco, who would deal with these. There was a suggestion that some of the big willows could be pollarded and this got a mixed reaction.

The swan family was now reduced from five to three. One cygnet may have been killed, probably by a dog, while a second was disowned by its parents and was now being cared for at a swan sanctuary at the Queen Mary reservoir.

RW reported some interesting bird activity which indicated that the construction of the wildlife area had been justified.

DP asked about the cormorants that had devastated the fish stocks, and RW reported that one visits every day. The Environment Agency had been consulted and it seems that the only deterrent would be the construction of fish refuges which would be unsightly and cause obstruction to all lake users.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS

9.2 IW advised that the shopping centre and car park had been sold for £16.6m to Christian Vision, a Charitable Trust established by Lord Edmiston in 1993. Lord Edmiston is the founder and owner of IM Group and IM Properties which manages investment funds and property on behalf of Christian Vision. He is also a well-known philanthropist.

JLL Ltd are continuing as managing agents. IW had talked with the contact at JLL since the sale and was pleased to report that he has already spoken to the new owners about the number of disabled parking bays; he is currently investigating options for increasing the provision. There should be more information in the Autumn.

9.3 A letter from a woman concerned about smoking round the playground in the centre had been published in Goldsworth News. IW reported that she had canvassed the shops, which would all support a no-smoking initiative, and people who were using the area, virtually all of whom agreed that it should be a no-smoking area. She had spoken to the managing agents about the issue; it seems that they have a policy on no smoking and have some signs they could put up.

9.4 IW reported that she had not heard any more about the joint initiative between the Council and the NHS to make increase awareness of dementia and make Goldsworth Park a dementia friendly community. The representative on the Steering Group might not be able to continue to keep the GPCA informed.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

10.1 AM reported that GPRFC's tournament in June had been a great success despite a lack of co-operation from another user group. IW thought that the apparent demise of the Lake and Recreation Ground Users Group has caused problems between users. GPRFC currently had 425 members and this could rise to 500 by next year but he felt that there was little appreciation of the work they have done since 1985. Costs were rising year on year; they currently paid nearly £20,000 p.a. to WBC for use of the pitches but had no Club House and had recently been told to vacate their storage area. The alternative offered would cost more.

10.2 HM commented that the direction signs for the toilets were only visible when walking from one direction. IW had received complaints that the toilets were not clean and had graffiti. HJ said she would investigate better signage and reported that contractors had recently removed the graffiti and cleaned the area.

10.3 JS expressed concern about large dogs running loose and the danger to small dogs, one of which had been killed recently, and members of the public. A-MB reported that Surrey Heath council were consulting on possible ways of dealing with this problem and it might be advisable to await the outcome. There was a feeling in the meeting that the bye-laws needed to be changed to require dogs to be on a lead at least around the lake. However, enforcement would be an issue. Part of the problem may be the professional dog walkers who have too many dogs to supervise at one time and who may need to be licenced. AM said that there was far too much dog-fouling on the playing pitches.

- 10.4 CD reported that Hospice staff were parking in the shopping centre car park. IW pointed out that the car park was not just for shoppers, as the parking management company appear to believe. It was pointed out that the Hospice's own car park was not yet complete and might be of sufficient size for staff and visitors.
- 10.5 DP asked if there would be another community litter picking session before the AGM, and it was agreed that an afternoon in early October might be attractive to more people. IW would liaise with the local businesses for support.
- 10.6 HJ reported that Amey was taking over responsibility for refuse collection from 11th September.
- 10.7 HJ also reported that studies were being carried out to improve the drainage in the area.
- 10.8 DP requested progress on the Sea Cadets platform, but it appeared that there was none.
- 10.9 LW complained about fly-tipping near Willowmead Close but did not have evidence of who was responsible. A-MB and CK reported that the CCTV camera in Parley had proved to be effective in charging offenders and the camera could be moved to an appropriate location.
- 10.10 The problem of abandoned estate agents' boards had been mentioned in a previous meeting. AM-B would advise on local regulations.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 7th November 2017.

The meeting closed at 9.35 pm.

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Income & Expenditure Account for the period ended 30th June 2017

	2017 £	2016 £
INCOME		
Bank Interest	4.60	5.94
Bar Income:		
Takings	17,600.61	9,796.48
TOTAL Bar Income	17,600.61	9,796.48
Grant Income	0.00	5,401.74
Advertising Income	7,070.25	7,216.25
Hall Income:		
Bookings	32,502.50	22,134.00
TOTAL Hall Income	32,502.50	22,134.00
TOTAL INCOME	57,177.96	44,554.41
EXPENDITURE		
Bar Expenses:		
Stock costs	10,022.52	7,009.72
Sundry	1,142.61	607.28
Servicing costs	3,742.57	2,422.50
TOTAL Bar Expenses	14,907.70	10,039.50
Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	2,302.98	2,146.12
Cleaning materials and equipment	310.82	273.66
Fire Damage repairs, cleaning etc	0.00	0.00
Maintenance	2,253.47	2,485.44
Manager	3,135.33	3,299.98
Rates & Rent	423.00	423.00
Refurbishment costs	0.00	(1,500.80)
Services Costs	4,808.00	4,364.32
Sundry	1,725.13	499.01
TOTAL Hall Expenses	14,958.73	11,990.73
Insurance	1,676.52	2,097.15
Charitable Donations	538.00	115.00
Miscellaneous Expense	203.21	306.01
Natural Goldsworth Park project	23.25	0.00
Newsletter Costs	8,209.75	8,800.00
Newsletter Distribution	405.00	278.00
Stationery & Post	91.17	136.36
Sundry general expenses	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	11,146.90	11,732.52
SURPLUS of (Expenditure over Income) / Income over Expenditure	16,164.63	10,791.66

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Balance Sheet as at 30th June 2017

	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Cash and Bank Accounts		
Bank	9,412.36	3,420.23
Barclays BPA	23,492.55	18,487.95
Cash	8,630.56	3,462.66
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	409.40	409.40
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	41,944.87	25,780.24
Other Assets:		
Leasehold Property	253,670.80	253,670.80
TOTAL Other Assets	253,670.80	253,670.80
TOTAL ASSETS	295,615.67	279,451.04
 REPRESENTED BY:		
LIABILITIES & EQUITY		
LIABILITIES	409.40	409.40
EQUITY	295,206.27	279,041.64
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	295,615.67	279,451.04