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Dear Fellow Resident / Committee Member,

I enclose the minutes of the GPCA meeting held on 30th January 2018.

The next meeting will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday, 24th April 2018.

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 24th APRIL 2018**

AT THE COMMUNITY HALL, GOLDWATER LODGE, GOLDSWORTH PARK

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MINUTES OF THE GPCA MEETING HELD ON 30th JANUARY 2018

Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)	Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (WBC)
Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Colin Kemp (Surrey CC)
Peter Hill (Treasurer)	Hannah Rees (WBC)
Yvette Wright (Minute Taker)	Hilary Addison (Resident)
Steve Willson (Web Master)	Ron Butler (Resident)
George Binyon (Editor Goldsworth News)	Holger Marsen (Resident)
Gerald Smeesters (Project Manager NGP)	Valerie Marsen (Resident)
Royer Slater (GN Reporter)	Liz Macintyre (Resident)
Roger Westcott (Angling Club)	David Powell (Resident)
	Allan Wright (Resident)

Apologies:

Fran Siwicka (Waitrose), Rev. Kate Wyles (St. Andrews), Shani Orchard (St. Andrews), Andy Morgan (GPRFC), Sue Johnson (Resident), Tony Robinson (ex-resident), Katie Sherlock (NGP), Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager) and Saj Hussain (SC Councillor)

1. OPENING:

IW welcomed everyone to the meeting, particularly Yvette Wright who has volunteered to take the minutes for this meeting.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS:

The minutes of the last meeting held on 25th July 2017 were agreed.

The minutes of the AGM held on 7th November 2017 will be approved at the next AGM on 6th November 2018.

3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

New Treasurer:

Peter Hill will be standing down as Treasurer at the end of June 2018 (the end of financial year). IW has registered the vacancy with what was WAVS but is now part of Woking Borough Council. IW will also contact voluntary agencies and local accountancy firms. If necessary to find volunteers, the book keeping could be separated from the reporting and advisory part of the role. If anyone knows anyone who has financial experience who can help with this important role, please let IW know.

4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

See attached Profit and Loss Comparison 28th January 2018 (1/06/16 to 29/01/18)
Income is down since this time last year.

Hall and bar income is down because fewer events have taken place between September and December 2017.

Advertising income is down as there are fewer paid advertisements being placed in the Goldsworth News. A big advertiser has gone out of business owing a significant sum of money and it is unlikely the GPCA will receive any money from the receiver.

Sundry expenses include the GPCA's contribution to the Christmas tree for in the shopping centre courtyard.

Hall Expenses:

Bar equipment – essential repair and maintenance work had to be carried out on the refrigerators. To keep electricity costs down, the chillers are now turned off when not being used and turned on again 24 hours before the next event.

Cleaning – costs are higher than last year as the GPCA now employs a cleaner and has purchased new cleaning equipment.

Service costs have doubled since last year. The contract with EDF for electricity was for £156.00 a month. However, the meter had not been read for 3 years and, when it was, a bill for £3,400 was resulted.

Miscellaneous expenses include licencing training for bar workers.

The GPCA now pays Woking Borough Council for building insurance on a monthly basis.

6. HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT

The GPCA pays ground rent to WBC. The last increase was due in 2008 but was not applied until 2017. There will be a further increase this year, then every 10 years.

The lease is still outstanding and the GPCA has asked for a draft to consider. To this end, a new firm of solicitors (W Davies Ltd) has been appointed since the previous solicitor retired.

Visitors to the Community Hall at Goldwater Lodge are now able to find the venue more easily since a new direction sign was erected. Thank you to Cllrs Saj Hussain and Colin Kemp, Surrey CC, for financial support from their funds for community projects and Gary Collins for his design skills.

The Hall has been open now for just under 3 years since the fire, and now needs to be redecorated.

7. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT – George Binyon and Steve Wilson

Goldsworth News (GN) which is circulated to 5,000 homes is funded by advertising which has recently declined to the extent that the GPCA has had to make a financial contribution to the costs of the last two issues. Paul Webster, who sources the advertising, could probably do with some help. HM offered to do so. If anyone knows of traders who might advertise in GN, please let IW or PW know.

The website receives around 50 hits a day, mostly to ask about hall, but also comments about the car park at shopping centre since the Hospice opened, although these have reduced in number.

8. Natural Goldsworth Park Project Report – Gerald Smeesters

GS reported that the West Surrey Badger Group has identified holes in a bank near one of the paths through the woods near the lake as a badger sett. Badgers are a protected species and there are concerns that too much publicity may attract the wrong sort of attention. Any maintenance work carried out by the lakeside should not interfere with the badgers. GS suggested that fishermen could keep a look out for badgers. RW said It would be useful if there was a Wildlife Officer or another contact who could be called rather than calling the police. Any sightings should be reported to the GPCA.

The meadow attracts a lot of wildlife; the Surrey Bat Group will be undertaking a survey and botany surveys will be continued. An ornithologist has been looking at birdlife; RW reported that he had seen a kestrel for the first time in years. All this preparatory work is necessary before any work is undertaken.

Liz Macintyre, who works for a youth charity operating in Goldsworth Park said the kids would love to get involved with the wildlife. LM will pass on her contact details.

Local schools will be contacted again to involve them with the wildlife on the park.

RW reported that Alan Johnson, Fisheries Officer, is doing a fantastic job clearing broken and fallen branches round the lake and the next working party will be on 9th / 10th February. If any residents want to help, there will soon be a diary of dates for working parties on the Angling Club website. No-one will be asked to do more than they are capable of doing.

It is the time of the year when young swans are seeking a new home, but resident swans are very territorial. One or two young swans have had to be taken away by Swan Support. The young resident swans are being monitored as they will soon be chased off by their parents. Interference in nature is not appropriate but help should be available if necessary.

HM asked about the large black birds which appear to stand on the water. RW said they were cormorants perching on the Sea Cadets marker buoys. The Sea Cadets have agreed to fit anti-bird spikes to the buoys but have not yet done so.

9. COMMUNITY MATTERS

Shopping centre car park – the Hospice informed the GPCA of the steps it is taking to alleviate the parking problems; part of the letter was published in the last issue of GN. They are making more use of their own car park now. The parking situation seems to have eased a bit and Waitrose reports that there are fewer complaints now.

All the disabled parking bays are sometimes full now but there are calls for more parent and child bays. Some of the disabled bays could be shared use. The GPCA will contact the managing agents to find out if they are planning to resurface the car park and/or consider a new layout. They have said that they will repaint the arrows as they are very faint.

Waitrose has planning permission to improve the trolley parks with covered shelters.

Strollers, the coffee shop for retired and disabled people, shut at the end of December due to the difficulty of finding volunteers and a reducing clientele. The part of the building it occupies belongs to the Scouts and Guides and it is not known what will happen to the space.

The GPCA will be organising a Litter Pick on Saturday, 3rd March from 2pm until 4pm, meeting outside the Community Hall. This will coincide with Keep Britain Tidy's "Great British Spring Clean" event.

10. AOB

- 10.1 The fire at Lakes Youth Centre destroyed the reception area and the rooms behind it where the roof collapsed, although two statues by the door were unharmed, and the main structure of the building was saved. Whilst the centre is out of action, GPCA, Dianthus and St Andrews Church have offered the use of their premises. CK (SCC) said that investigations into the cause of the fire continued and that the building would be repaired.
- 10.2 HR (WBC) reported that the lake footpath near Armadale Road will have to be closed for five days in order to repair the path.
- 10.3 A number of the lights around the lake are out of operation and not all have been updated, as promised.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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