



## MINUTES OF THE GPCA MEETING HELD ON 24<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2018

### Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)	Cllr Colin Kemp (SCC)
Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)	Cllr Saj Hussain (SCC) (part)
Peter Hill (Treasurer)	Chitra Rana (WBC)
Steve Willson (Web Master)	Andy Morgan (GPRFC)
George Binyon (Editor Goldsworth News)	Hilary Addison (Resident)
Royer Slater (GN Reporter)	John Green (Resident)
Gerald Smeesters (Project Manager NGP)	Aenne Hayman (Resident)
Katie Sherlock (NGP)	Roger Hayman (Resident)
Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager)	Ian Rickard (Resident)

### Apologies:

Ian Eastwood (Cllr WBC and Bar Manager), Roger Westcott (Angling Club), Hannah Rees (WBC)

#### 1. OPENING:

IW opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

#### 2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETINGS:

The minutes of the meeting held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018 were agreed.

#### 3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

The vacancy for Treasurer remains unfilled as no volunteer has yet come forward. In addition, the Vice Chair and Secretary roles also need to be filled. IW said that she would cover these matters after the rest of the business of the meeting.

Other matters will be dealt with under agenda headings.

#### 4. MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

#### 5. TREASURER'S REPORT – Peter Hill

The Treasurer circulated the accounts. He highlighted the fact that expenditure was greater than income in the last quarter due to an electricity bill covering 3 years, the purchase of a floor scrubber and repairs to bar refrigeration equipment. There is still cash in hand and bank totalling over £30,000.

There were no questions to the Treasurer.

## **6. HALL MANAGEMENT REPORT – Irene Watson and Pauline Eastwood**

IW had nothing to report on the lease as a draft is still awaited from WBC. The new Solicitors have chased WBC without any response. A signed lease may be needed in order to change the GPCA into a Charitable Incorporated Organisation (CIO).

PE reported that redecoration is planned for the summer and the Hall may be closed from 23<sup>rd</sup> July to 9<sup>th</sup> August. She will work with Dianthus to minimise disruption.

Bookings are steady with more children's than adult parties so there are fewer bars.

## **7. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT – George Binyon and Steve Wilson**

There was more advertising in the last issue of Goldsworth News, so the costs were very nearly covered. Paul Webster, who sourced the advertising, has retired and a resident, Holger Marsen has taken over. GB said that he relied on regular contributors as few news stories were submitted.

The website continues to receive around 50 hits a day, mostly looking at the Hall. A controversial issue might drive numbers up.

## **8. NATURAL GOLDSWORTH PARK PROJECT REPORT – Gerald Smeesters**

GS reported that:

- Two representatives from the local Dementia Alliance would be undertaking a trial walk in North Meadow on 30<sup>th</sup> April before organising walks for users of the service.
- He had been involved, for the first time, in the litter-pick on 21<sup>st</sup> April and was very concerned about the amount of litter found in the woodland area, particularly round the badger setts. Apart from litter, there was evidence of drinking and drug use, and of a small fire, which he had reported to WBC. It was suggested that this should be reported to the Police and a map of the location of "hot spots" provided. IW said that, generally, there did not seem to be as much litter as there had been in the earlier litter-picks but agreed that there were pockets of very concentrated littering.
- At the opening of the rebuilt Squire's Garden Centre in March, the Squire family committed their support to the NGP project.
- The lack of response from local schools to invitations to become involved in the NGP project is very disappointing.
- Surveys of entomology, botanical species and bats will be undertaken by local experts over the next few months. The Surrey Bat Group have offered to make a bat detection kit available to volunteers who are willing to be trained.
- The project now has access to a camera for recording wildlife. There was discussion about the notices that are required in order to use CCTV in public areas and whether they might deter anti-social behaviour.
- There has been a growing number of sightings of Roe Deer on North Meadow, probably visiting from Horsell Common.
- The northern edge of North Meadow will be left uncut this year to provide an improved habitat for wildlife, but paths will still be mown. CR expressed an interest in North Meadow and suggested meeting GS with Hannah Rees, Neighbourhood Officer. CK suggested that if/when the mown paths were altered, there should be prior notification to users.

There were questions from the meeting.

- AH asked about the felling of a large, old tree near the footpath from The Fieldings. It was dead and had to be cut down as a safety measure.
- AH expressed concern about hedgehogs disappearing from the area. This is a national problem and there is a Surrey Hedgehog Group who could offer advice such as leaving small holes in fences. KS said badgers prey on hedgehogs.
- AH also commented that she had not seen any baby frogs this year. There is still frog spawn in the lake as the season is late.
- CR raised the issue of fly-tipping. SW thought the increase in fly-tipping was due to the charges for using the Council community recycling centres. CK reported that some apparent fly-tipping by the new refuse collection contractor was where they collected more electrical items for disposal than they could carry and piled them up in one place for later collection.

IW gave a report from RW about the swans. The female had changed her nesting site to a much more exposed area but, before Serco could fence it off, all her eggs were taken. The male swan disappeared on the same night so the female is alone. There is a pair of young swans on the lake.

The Angling Club will be having working-parties round the lake on the fourth Saturday of each month. As this is a community rather than an angling initiative, residents are welcome to join in.

## **9. COMMUNITY MATTERS**

- 9.1 IW met the Facilities Manager from JLL, the managing agents for the shopping centre car park. He has arranged for repairs to be made to the play equipment. JLL is actively looking at what could be done to improve the car park – the layout as well as the surfacing but there were issues about access. CK said he would be happy to help with discussions over an additional entrance/exit.
- 9.2 HR had provided information which was circulated on a Council initiative to improve grass verges for the benefit of pollinators and other species and to reduce pollution. Lockfield Drive has been chosen as a trial location.

## **10. AOB**

- 10.1 CK reminded IW that the new financial year had started and that he and SH had new allocations which they could use for the benefit of the community.
- 10.2 IW reported that the lake footpath near Armadale Road had been repaired; the next heavy rain would show how well. GB commented that the edges of the repaired area were not well finished off.
- 10.3 AM reported that the annual Football Tournament would be on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> June, and that the pitches would be fenced off on 8<sup>th</sup> June. The parking strategy would be implemented as usual. It was suggested that notices should be put up warning users that the pitches would be fenced. AH expressed concern about speeding in Wishbone Way and poor parking affecting sight lines, especially when children are around. As the road belongs to WBC, CR will take the matter up.

IW then addressed the meeting on the future of the GPCA – separate report attached.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm

**DATE OF NEXT MEETING** - may be Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at 7.30pm.

**Profit & Loss Comparison 15th Apr 2018**  
01/07/16 Through 15/04/18

Category Description	01/07/17- 15/04/18	01/07/16- 15/04/17
<b>INCOME</b>		
Interest	15.84	4.60
Bar Income:		
Bookings	1,150.00	0.00
Takings	9,133.07	15,016.19
<b>TOTAL Bar Income</b>	<b>10,283.07</b>	<b>15,016.19</b>
Donations	475.40	0.00
Grants received	544.00	0.00
Hall Income:		
Hall booking income	20,404.65	26,636.00
<b>TOTAL Hall Income</b>	<b>20,404.65</b>	<b>26,636.00</b>
Advertising Income	4,403.00	5,713.50
Social	-50.91	-48.68
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>36,075.05</b>	<b>47,321.61</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Bar Expenses:		
Repaire and maint bar equipment	1,559.66	0.00
Servicing costs	2,525.00	3,110.07
Stock costs	6,659.91	8,465.18
Sundry bar expenses	499.04	726.25
<b>TOTAL Bar Expenses</b>	<b>11,243.61</b>	<b>12,301.50</b>
Donations	115.00	265.00
Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	3,491.64	1,802.98
Cleaning Equipment	1,176.99	0.00
Cleaning Mat.	852.20	310.82
Maintenance of Equipment	312.00	0.00
Miscellaneous maintenance	2,643.65	1,883.06
Hall Manager	2,644.89	2,574.19
Rent and Rates	562.00	423.00
Services Costs	7,429.15	4,146.14
Sundry Hall expenses	450.03	26.52
Hall Expenses-Other	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL Hall Expenses</b>	<b>19,562.55</b>	<b>11,166.71</b>
Insurance	1,651.26	1,314.45
Miscellaneous Expenses	4,518.72	154.53
Natural Goldsworth Park costs and income	0.00	0.00
Newsletter costs	6,458.75	6,752.00
Newsletter Dist	275.00	405.00
Stationery & Postage	244.62	91.17
Sundry	540.88	0.00
Uncategorized Expenses	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>44,610.39</b>	<b>32,450.36</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES</b>	<b>-8,535.34</b>	<b>14,871.25</b>

## Balance Sheet as at 15th April 2018

As of 15/04/18

<b>Acct</b>	<b>15/04/18 Balance</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Barclays Business Saver Account	23,508.39
Barclays Current Account	5,531.33
Cash Account	3,701.55
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	409.40
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<b>TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts</b>	33,150.67
Other Assets	
Asset	253,670.80
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<b>TOTAL Other Assets</b>	253,670.80
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<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	286,821.47
<b>LIABILITIES</b>	0.00
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<b>OVERALL TOTAL</b>	<u>286,821.47</u>

# Planting for pollinators and amenity - Phase 1 Lockfield Drive

## Context

Woking Borough Council is fully committed to reducing the Borough's impact on the environment and, beyond this, to achieving positive gains for habitats and species.

The [Woking 2050](#) climate change and [Natural Woking](#) biodiversity and infrastructure strategies provide a framework for coordinated action. Progress against these is monitored by the Council's Climate Change Working Group.

## The Project

The Working Group has tasked Council officers with exploring opportunities for additional structured planting along public corridors to deliver the multiple benefits that these can bring.

A phased series of new planting schemes is proposed in suitable locations around the Borough over the next three to five years. These will trial the use of plant species with properties that can help to mitigate adverse impacts upon and/or deliver positive gains for our environment. For example, plants which can assist in reducing air pollution, are tolerant of the changing climate, or which provide habitat food sources for a variety of pollinators. All the while ensuring public landscaped areas continue to be well cared for and valued.

## Phase 1 Proposal

Lockfield Drive has been chosen as the first trial location, building on the already popular wildflower planting on the Robin Hood roundabout.

Two locations along Lockfield Drive have been selected for spring 2018 sowing with a colourful mix of perennials, annuals and grasses. These will not only look fantastic but will be of types recommended by the RHS as being ['perfect for pollinators'](#).

A 'rainbow perennial' mix of 19 species (pictured) will be used, offering an extended flowering season through to late autumn, supplemented with additional common poppy seeds for an extra splash of colour (pictured overleaf).

Planting will take place in the wider grass verges. No trees will be removed to accommodate the new planting beds, but tree management works are routinely needed along road corridors for safety and these will continue.



source: [greenreview.blogspot.com/](http://greenreview.blogspot.com/)

The first chosen planting locations are:

- Littlewick roundabout junction up to Kirkland Avenue
- Between Clifton Way and the Robin Hood roundabout.

### Next steps

People and wildlife enjoy the new planting throughout summer/autumn 2018.

An assessment of Phase 1's success will then inform the future care of these beds and the design of further planting along Lockfield Drive and elsewhere in the Borough in subsequent years.



source: [www.growwilduk.com](http://www.growwilduk.com)

### More information

If you have any comments or questions, please contact Tracey Haskins, Green Infrastructure Manager, Woking Borough Council:

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## ***GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION***

**AGENDA FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD AT  
7.30pm ON TUESDAY 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018**

**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. COMMUNITY MATTERS
  10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS
- DATE OF NEXT MEETING