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Dear Fellow Resident / Committee Member,

I enclose the minutes of the GPCA meeting held on 13th September 2016.

The next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday, 22nd November 2016. The agenda and the minutes of the last AGM will be available at the meeting.

I hope to see you there.

Yours sincerely,

Irene Watson,
Chair.

GOLDSWORTH PARK COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13th September 2016

Present

Irene Watson (Chairman)	Gary Rimay-Muranyi (Dianthus)
Paul Davies (Vice Chairman)	Hilary Addison (Resident)
Steve Willson (Web Master)	John Green (Resident)
David Powell (Note Taker)	Sally Pigeon (Resident)
Roger Westcott (Fishing Club)	Liz Wilkinson (Resident)
Roy Anders (Caretaker)	Holger Marsen (Resident)
Gerald Smeesters (Committee Member)	Valerie Marsen (Resident)
Cllr Ann-Marie Barker (WBC)	Michele Carbery (Former Resident)
Cllr Chitra Rana (WBC)	

Apologies:

Cllr Saj Hussain, Peter Hill (Treasurer), Linda Hill (Newsletter Distribution), Pauline Eastwood (Hall Manager), Ian Eastwood (Bar Manager), Royer Slater (Resident & GN team), Sandy Bolger (Lakers), Andy Morgan (GPRFC).

1. OPENING

IW opened the meeting at 7.30pm and welcomed those present. Introductions were made and IW welcomed Gerry Smeesters who had been co-opted onto the committee.

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The minutes were agreed.

3. MATTERS ARISING/OUTSTANDING

Nothing to report other than Dianthus Trading has received planning permission for a second storey over the boat house, but will not be building yet.

Any other 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 has been appealed and the outcome of the appeal is awaited.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

IW circulated the accounts for the period 1st July 2016 to 10th September 2016, which showed continued improvement, particularly as August is normally a quiet time of year. Expenditure was lower than in previous years since there were little or no maintenance cost incurred on the hall.

The income and expenditure on Goldsworth News appears to be out of step as advertisers pay at different times; however, all advertisers pay without any prompting and many appear in each issue.

6. HALL MANAGER'S REPORT

It was reported that bookings were buoyant and often made at short notice. Bookings for 2017 are being taken.

Although the GPCA has a good handyman, he is not always available at short notice so IW asked if anyone knew of a handyman who could carry out small jobs.

7. BAR MANAGER'S REPORT

It was reported that the bar was going well with nine bar bookings between now and the new year, and bookings coming in for 2017.

8. COMMUNICATION TEAM REPORT

IW reported that the September/October magazine was produced a week early. There are some copies this time due to deliverers giving up.

SW reported that there was a regular level of traffic to the website mainly to do with the hall and the fishing. SW continued to evaluate the Woking.Interests.me website but he had identified some issues when using it for the Film Club and he was not yet in a position to make a recommendation. It was noted that other organisations used it, often to communicate with each other and with interested parties. The mailing facility complies with the Data Protection Act.

9. LAKE MATTERS

RW said that there were unconfirmed reports of Kingfishers nesting in the bank; he will investigate further later in the year when any nests will be empty. The family of swans appeared to be doing well and the cygnets will be learning to fly shortly.

It was noted that the Sea Cadets platform was still not completed in spite of commitments to complete it by the end of June. Rubble was now readily available to complete the task.

During the winter months there would be a general tidying up of the lake area.

RW had received comments that some of the trees and bushes surrounding the lake had grown vigorously during the summer and were now blocking the view in a number of locations. There were also a number of dead trees to be removed. This had been reported to WBC/Serco but due to the volume of work at the moment, nothing had been done. Major tree work was often subcontracted to local tree surgeons. HA commented that there had been problems with Serco in the past and their performance was variable.

RW reported on the growth of algae bloom on the lake but, since it was nearly the end of the season, this should remedy itself naturally as the weather cools.

There had been reports of a few dead fish on the banks and further away, possibly taken by foxes; if a resident notices a dead fish, they should call Serco to remove it.

GS reported finding dead rats and was advised to call SERCO for removal. There appeared to be fewer rats since WBC had appointed a new contractor although a family of rats had been seen playing on platform 18. New bait stations had been installed but it was too early to say with certainty that these had been effective. IW said that there had been a bait box in the yard, which was shared by Toad Hall Nursery and the model yacht club, since before the fire and this had not been replaced. In the absence of a Neighbourhood Officer, RW will find out if the Rat Control Company have been asked to replace it. IW also mentioned the wasps nest in the roof above the model yacht club's room; she had reported it to WBC but had received no reply and no action had been taken to remove it.

A damp patch has appeared on the lake bank near Bitterne Drive / Armadale Road; WBC would be asked to investigate as this could be a mains water leak.

RW reported that the Let's Go Fishing sessions had been a great success. There had been 46 entrants, who had all caught fish and had received a certificate. The two hired coaches had presented the two children who had caught the most fish with a cup filled with fishing trinkets.

An Open Angling Competition had been held for which there had been 23 entrants. This had also been a great success and had produced welcome income for the fishing club. To minimise the impact on the fish stocks and the environment, it was not intended to hold such an event more than three or four times a year.

IW reported that, following the decision at the last meeting to support the campaign to keep the North Meadow as a wild flower meadow, she had written to ward councillors for Goldsworth Park and Horsell, and Portfolio Holders for Sports and for Green Infrastructure, setting out the GPCA's views and pointing out the conflict between the proposal to construct more football pitches in Goldsworth Park and the Council's policy on green space and biodiversity. Copies had been sent to all the relevant officers, and replies had been received from the Chief Executive and the Green Space Development Officer saying that the GPCA would be consulted on any proposals arising from the review of the need for additional sports pitches.

IW commented that the GPCA would have to await the proposals, although it was unlikely that the consultants' review would be made public; the GPCA would see the officers' report. A-MB that the matter was on the agenda for Council's Executive Committee meeting on the 24th November, and there was a full council meeting for the 8th December 2016.

SW reported that the information available on the WBC and Freedom Leisure websites about pitches was inadequate; the locations of pitches are listed but not the number of pitches at each location. This information would be useful. There is a football pitch on the Lakeview Estate but it had never been seen in use.

Car parking is an ongoing issue in Goldsworth Park when there are matches and other events and this could be exacerbated if there were more pitches. There are other locations with room for expansion and car parking facilities such as Brookwood Country Park.

It is understood that having more pitches would allow some to "rest" but to destroy the meadow for pitches which would only be used occasionally is unacceptable. It is important that the decision makers realise that recreation is more than playing

sports; the Council should develop and maintain the meadow as they have done at Brookwood Country Park, Westfield and Mayford.

10. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

IW reported that following the resignation of Nick Roach, Neighbourhood Officer for Goldsworth Park, a new Neighbourhood Officer would be starting on 19th September, and he/she would be invited to our meetings.

IW requested a GPCA member to represent the Association at the Remembrance Sunday service on 13th November. PD indicated a willingness to do this.

GR-M notified the meeting of various events next year; GPRFC's Football Tournament on 10th/11th June; Dragon Boat Race on 25th June; Marching Band on 30th June to 2nd July; and a Charity Day he is organising in conjunction with Woking Lions and the Rotary Club on 27th August for smaller charities.

GR-M informed the meeting that various undesirable individuals had been observed in the outdoor gym watching and/or filming children. The Police are aware and residents should use the Police 101 service if they notice anything of this nature.

GR-M notified the meeting that the annual Sea Cadets' Inspection would be on 22nd September and residents were welcome to watch.

RA commented on the worsening car parking situation in Sythwood and Willowmead Close, due to the proximity of Sythwood School; although there were supposed to be 20 additional parking spaces for school staff, these had not yet been constructed. Parking is a problem which affects all the local schools.

GS commented on the speed of cyclists using the paths around the lake and recreation area, not all of them youngsters.

A-MB advised that the WBC web-site would be down for maintenance from 4pm on Friday, 16th September to midnight on Sunday, 18th September 2016.

DP reported that there had been an increase in litter in the green space and that he had done some litter picking. Since shops now charge for plastic bags, there had been a reduction in this type of litter but this was offset by the number of disposable cups from Costa Coffee and Waitrose. HA/A-MB/CR expressed interest in organising a community litter pick when the new Neighbourhood Officer is in post. IW said she would contact Waitrose and Costa asking them to support the event.

There was a question about the uneven distribution of seating around the lake and RW explained that benches are not sited near to houses due to the potential for noise. The benches near the turn-off to the shops are in poor condition and will be replaced with commemorative benches in due course.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Unless anything urgent or important arises, there will be no meeting on 8th November and the next meeting will be the AGM on Tuesday 22nd November 2016.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Profit & Loss Comparison
01/07/15 Through 10/09/16

Category Description	01/07/16- 10/09/16	01/07/15- 10/09/15
INCOME		
Interest	0.00	1.18
Bar Income:		
Takings	5,552.93	3,097.61
Bar Income-Other	0.00	0.00
TOTAL Bar Income	5,552.93	3,097.61
Grants received	0.00	0.00
Hall Income:		
Hall booking income	7,601.50	3,651.00
Hall Income-Other	0.00	405.00
TOTAL Hall Income	7,601.50	4,056.00
Advertising Income	1,664.75	1,221.25
TOTAL INCOME	14,819.18	8,376.04
EXPENSES		
Bar Expenses:		
Stock costs	3,023.65	1,834.52
Sundry bar expenses	41.64	71.60
Wages	995.00	845.00
TOTAL Bar Expenses	4,060.29	2,751.12
Donations	250.00	100.00
Hall Expenses:		
Cleaning	370.99	415.00
Cleaning Equipment	0.00	0.00
Cleaning Mat.	137.03	187.92
Miscellaneous maintenance	168.00	168.91
Hall Manager	544.98	1,061.98
Rent and Rates	423.00	423.00
Refurbishment costs	0.00	0.00
Services Costs	973.14	60.49
Sundry Hall expenses	0.00	168.00
TOTAL Hall Expenses	2,617.14	2,485.30
Insurance	654.63	671.06
Miscellaneous Expenses	0.00	25.00
Newsletter costs	2,462.75	2,159.45
Newsletter Dist	165.00	110.00
Stationery & Postage	0.00	0.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	10,209.81	8,301.93
TOTAL INCOME - EXPENSES	4,609.37	74.11

Balance Sheet as at 10th Sept 2016

As of 10/09/16

Acct	10/09/16 Balance
ASSETS	
Cash and Bank Accounts	
Barclays Business Saver Account	18,487.95
Barclays Current Account	3,634.81
Cash Account	6,797.33
Lake Bank Restoration Fund	409.40
TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts	29,329.49
Other Assets	
Asset	253,670.80
TOTAL Other Assets	253,670.80
TOTAL ASSETS	283,000.29
LIABILITIES	
	0.00
OVERALL TOTAL	283,000.29