

MINUTES of the ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
held on WEDNESDAY 19th November 2025 in The Lodge

Trustees and Postholders

Bob Cowell - Trustee
Tina Hartley – Treasurer
Dueyna Chinere – Trustee
Celia Young - Trustee
Bob Challoner – NGP Project Manager
Chris Taylor – Secretary & Editor Goldsworth News

Corporate Members

Anne-Marie Barker – WBC
Stephen Oades – WBC
Martin Sullivan – WBC
Steve Greentree - WBC
Roger Westcott – GPAC
Patrick Coad – St Andrew’s Church

Members

Hilary Addison
Michael Addison
Irene Watson
Jenny Ehlers
Ian Johnson
Ian Eastwood
Royer Slater
Steve Willson
Cameron Hartley
Rosemary Mackenzie
Pam Taylor
Phil Stubbs
Chris Arthur
Steve Davies
Valerie Marsen
Holger Marsen
Natalie Fairclough
David Fairclough
Ryan Fairclough
Liz Wilkinson

Opening and Welcome

Bob Cowell, Trustee and Community Officer, welcomed everyone to the sixth Annual General Meeting of Goldsworth Park Community Association CIO.

Minutes of the last AGM

The minutes of the 2024 AGM held on 23rd October 2024 had been distributed. They were agreed as an accurate account of the Meeting.

Trustees’ Annual Report

Bob Cowell gave an overview of the GPCA activities over the year which included:

- Laying a wreath at the Remembrance Day service
- Running 3 litter picks throughout the year
- Running the refreshment stall for the Woking and Sam Beare Hospice Dragon Boat race day
- Sponsoring the children’s rides at the Summer Fair organised by the Guides and St Andrew’s Church
- Supporting the Lakeview Community Fun Day.

Social Trustee Report

Dueyna, Trustee with responsibility for social events, gave the Social report:

- Supplying, erecting and decorating the Christmas tree in the shopping centre, with St Andrew's Church and Goldsworth Park Angling Club
- A quiz was held; another is being planned
- Sponsoring the Christmas children's entertainment at the Goldsworth Christmas market

Dueyna would like to put on more events but to enable this to happen more support from the residents is required. Dueyna invited residents to speak with her if they are willing to assist.

Dueyna gave a special mention to Ryan Fairclough for all the support Ryan had given the GPCA litter picks throughout the year. Ryan completed the litter picks as one of the challenges of his Duke of Edinburgh Gold award.

Treasurer's report

The Treasurer's Report showed that the GPCA incurred a loss for the year ending 30th June 2025. The loss is down to the GPCA funding the fairground rides for the Goldsworth summer fair, sponsoring the bouncy castle at the Lakeview Community Fun Day, sponsoring the children's gifts at the Goldsworth Christmas Market, attending a First Aid course, purchase of seeds for the meadow plus a shortfall in advertising revenue in Goldsworth News mainly due to delay in invoicing.

A few of questions were raised:

- Why is the outstanding advertising invoicing not shown as debtors? Response: The accounts are prepared on a simple cash accounting basis.
- Is an audit required? Response: No as the transactions are below the threshold requiring an audit.
- What is the Dianthus outstanding amount owed to the GPCA? Response: There is no legal basis to secure payment to the GPCA.

Natural Goldsworth Park

Bob Challoner spoke about what he had been going since resuming the role of Natural Goldsworth Park Project Manager. Bob informed he is re-establishing contact with Thames Water and has met with officials of Woking Borough Council. The Yellow Rattle seeding has had some success although the primary test will be in the spring. Reinstating the woodpiles is an aim for 2026. Fire lighting, litter in the woods and cutting branches to make shelters was reported as being a concern.

Bob would like to re-establish the woodpiles during 2026.

Bob thanked all contributors to the NGP Facebook group.

Angling Club and the Lake

Roger Westcott (Goldsworth Park Angling Club) spoke about activities supported by the club and about wildlife on Goldsworth Park Lake. The club has been operating for 11 years and continues to monitor water quality as part of lake maintenance. The most recent test was in July 2025 the results of which showed good water quality with no evidence of sewage. In recent years straw bales have been used to manage water quality however this has been found to not improve water quality so will cease. Alternatives are being explored in conjunction with Woking Borough Council. The trimming of

branches will continue over the coming months with timing taking account of wildlife requirements. Roger will keep residents updated through Goldsworth News.

The Club continues to be involved in or to lead the planting and maintenance of the lake and lakeside and is always willing to assist and work with the GPCA.

Roger closed with a request to visitors to the lake to cut down on feeding the wildlife.

Roger and the Club were thanked for their ongoing support.

Retirement and election of Trustees

As Celia announced that she is not seeking re-election as a Trustee at this AGM there was no requirement for any of the remaining 3 Trustees to seek re-election. Bob Cowell informed the meeting he will be standing down as a Trustee and not seeking re-election at the 2026 AGM. This currently leaves three GPCA Trustees which is the minimum requirement under the CIO rules. The Trustees informed the meeting that at least one new Trustee would be required at or before the 2026 AGM to replace Bob when he steps down.

Questions from the floor and AOB

Topics raised by attendees were:

Question – What is the latest proposal for the Brockhill site?

Response – Ann-Marie Barker informed the meeting that no plans had been submitted to WBC for the Brockhill site.

Martin Sullivan informed the meeting that a small sum from the Community Fund is available for Goldsworth Park. Options include the provision of 4 benches: 2 by the playground and 2 in Sythwood, plus an additional wastebin by the meadow.

Question – Would the benches and bin be fireproof?

Response – As fireproof as possible.

With no further questions from the floor the meeting closed. Attendees were invited to join the Trustees for drinks and nibbles.