

# MINUTES of the GPCA OPEN MEETING

held on WEDNESDAY, 17th April 2024 in The Lodge

## Trustees and Postholders

George Binyon – Chair and Trustee  
Chris Taylor – Secretary & Editor Goldsworth News  
Tina Hartley – Treasurer  
Celia Young – Trustee  
Dueyna Chinere – Trustee  
Bob Cowell – Trustee

## Corporate Members

Anne-Marie Barker – WBC  
Stephen Oades – WBC  
Martin Sullivan – WBC  
Saj Hussain – SCC  
Lance Spencer - SCC  
Patrick Coad – St Andrew’s Church  
Sylvia Lambart – GP Guides  
Roger Westcott – GPAC  
Hillary Harris – GP Scouts/Cubs  
Rev Scott Smith – St Andrew’s Church  
Binnie Crookes-Martin – SCC  
PC Alex Colebrook  
PCSO Becca Bullock

## Individuals/Residents

Chitra Rana  
Steve Willson  
Bob and Barbara Challoner  
Irene Watson  
Pam Taylor  
Debbie Harlow  
Hilary and Michael Addison  
Ian Eastwood  
Maryel Cowell  
Royer Slater  
Rosemary Mackenzie  
Liz Wilkinson  
Kathleen Jones  
Holger & Valerie Marsen  
June Icaza

### 1. Opening and Welcome

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Minutes of the last meeting

The minutes of the meeting on 19th April 2023 were agreed as a true record of the meeting.

### 3. Questions from the floor

As usual, questions from the floor come first but this would not prevent anyone from raising questions later.

There was a general discussion covering concern over the closure of public toilets. Ann- Marie Barker explained that Dianthus is in discussions with WBC to explore taking over responsibility for the toilets on Goldsworth Park.

Parking was the next topic raised. PC Colebrook explained that parking is a Surrey CC matter, including by Sythwood School, unless an obstruction is caused. Saj Hussain confirmed that parking enforcement is a Surrey CC responsibility. Lance Spencer explained that the cost of making highway

changes is very high. Lance asked residents to report to him any specific concerns but although not optimistic is willing to investigate further within Surrey CC.

The police were asked if they patrol around Goldsworth Lake especially to stop electric scooters. PC Colebrook explained that patrols are being increased and further advised that the police have the power to seize electric scooters and issue fines.

Cynthia Young asked if overnight parking is possible in Waitrose car park. Saj Hussain agreed to investigate within Surrey CC.

Due to the closure of Lakers Dianthus was asked if youth meetings could be held there. Lance Spencer informed the meeting he is willing to explore funding options if asked to do so by Dianthus trustees.

Roger Westcott informed the meeting that bat boxes have been installed around the lake.

#### **4. Update from the Trustees**

A litter pick is arranged for the 11<sup>th</sup> May.

Dragon Boat Racing Day – The GPCA is manning the refreshments stall – volunteers are sought.

The GPCA is funding the children's rides at the Goldsworth Summer Fayre.

No calendar will be produced in 2025 due the lack of success on sales.

#### **5. Update from Roger Wescott – Goldsworth Park Angling Club**

Roger explained that quite a number of trees had either been damaged or lost over the winter due to the gales. Roger thanked Serco (arranged by Hilary Harris) for swiftly dealing with the damaged trees.

The pair of swans are nesting with at least 6 eggs being visible. Roger requested the swans should not be fed whilst on their nest. Two Great Crested Grebes are also nesting on the lake. There are not so many frogs and toads around the lake as in previous years.

There are plans for a bailiff to patrol around the lake at night. PC Colebrook confirmed that the police have the power to prosecute those who endanger wildlife or poach. 999 is the correct number to use to report incidents against endangering wildlife.

#### **6. Treasurer's report**

No financial statement was presented but the Treasurer advised there will be a likely loss in the current financial year.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

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