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Minutes of GVP Formal Meeting 7pm - 8.15pm , 20 July 2016 Elm Road URC

Present:

David Bailey- Chair

Victoria Holmes - Secretary

Name	Organisation / Resident	Name	Organisation / Resident
Andrew McKnight	GVP	Ruth Davies	Resident
Rosemary Gridlestone	Bethany Community Church	Pam Rowley	Resident & Business Owner
Iain Roberts	Local Councillor	Kelly Kearney	Piccolo
Keith Holloway	Local Councillor	Bahman	Piccolo
Matthew Carlise	St James	Emma James	Resident
David Owen	Resident	Margaret Sidebotham	Resident/St James' Church
CJ Morris	Resident	Graham Greenhalgh	Local Councillor
Geoff Belton	Resident / Bethany Community Church	Erin Rodgers	Callaghans Estate Agents
Dan Byrne	Piccolo		

1. Chair's Welcome

- Thank you to Gina Gibson and Elm Road URC for hosting the meeting.

2. Apologies

Clare Forrest, Carol Kilmister, Gina Gibson, Emma Milser, Art Lampkin, Sally Keep, Bernadette McKnight, Colin Owen

3. Minutes / Actions of last meeting

- 3.1 **Carving:** Andrew McKnight updated that meeting had been held with Tree Preservation Officer and as a result detailed drawings are currently being done and will resubmit for planning when ready. These drawings will also be shared when available. **Action GVP**
- 3.2 **Traffic Issues at Gatley Green:** Keith Holloway advised that the newly painted area to make the 'no entry' clearer has not had the desired affect so is likely that a hard build out is required to rectify the situation, subject to consultation and SMBC approval. **Action Keith Holloway**
- 3.4 **Traffic Issues at Church Road/Gatley Road Junction:** Iain Roberts updated that although there are several options non are currently affordable. It may be possible to have a speed table to slow traffic down. The Councillors will keep pushing and looking for sources of money. Iain Roberts stressed that the accident record at this junction was not bad.
- 3.5 **Speed limit** is now 20mph in the Village though some traffic not sticking to it. Iain Roberts advised that these limits are becoming more common across the country and though majority of traffic will slow down there will always be some exceptions that don't.
- 3.6 **Parking outside Tesco** - Iain Roberts updated that he had looked a few times but has never spotted a problem. He requested all to be on look out for cars parking on the pavement and to take photo evidence if possible.

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- 3.7 **Barnes Village Parking Issues:** Iain Roberts updated that most of contractors are now parking sensibly and legally – though there are a small minority who are not.
- 3.8 **Northern Rail:** David Bailey advised that it is now possible to buy tickets via Northern Rail App, but will get an update directly from Northern Rail. Victoria Holmes believed that the resurfacing of the platforms had also been done but will also request an update on this. **Action GVP**

4. Police Report

- No one in attendance from GMP and no information provided for the meeting.

5 Local Councillors' Report

5.1 Tatton: Graham Greenhalgh updated that the fire was not as damaging as it seemed and was a fire at the rear of the Tatton that was hard to reach. Iain Roberts updated that the planning application is still in the pipeline and are hoping the outstanding issues for the application will be resolved soon so that the application will be finally lodged and a decision made.

5.2 Styal Road: Flashing speed signs on Styal Road have now been installed.

5.3 Stonepail Post Box: Graham Greenhalgh updated that after a lot of chasing there is an undertaking to install a new postbox and hopefully will be in place by the end of the month.

5.4 Kingsway Junction: potential of increasing traffic issues on the A34 with new homes being built at Handforth Dean approved by Cheshire East Council. Iain Roberts advised that SMBC are pushing to get some money from Cheshire East so that can improve traffic issues.

5.5 Anti-Social Behaviour: issue raised about ASB and litter left on Scholes Field. Councillors advised that the Police will patrol as best they can and will look into dispersal orders as appropriate.

6. Treasurer's Report

Sports Day was very successful and generated income of £244.35. The GVP stall at Gatley Summer festival made £130 from the sale of bags and aprons. The current account balance is £3071.31 with £1600 of this allocated to carving from funding received. GVP has recently been awarded funding from Cheadle Area Committee towards next years Sports Day event.

7. Piccolo in the Park

- On behalf of Piccolo, Dan Byrne gave a presentation of the vision and plans for the park hut – the presentation will be shared with the minutes.
- Lease has been given to Piccolo to turn the park hut into a Cafe/Community Centre.
- Would set up a Community Interest Company (CIC) which would be a non-profit making company set up to ensure that money invested is protected and stays in the community. The CIC would also be able to apply for funding.
- One main aim is to be a hub to those activities that already exist in the park and to get input from the community about what else is needed.
- There are plans to improve sports facilities, develop a large covered multi-use sports area which would help make the park usable all year round.

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- There are ideas to use the park to host craft/food market events which would potentially boost trade within the village, as well as hosting outdoor cinema events.
- The CIC would be a steering committee of local people (not just Piccolo) and Piccolo's are encouraging people from the community to get involved. They are keen to have engagement of community in the design process as well as the governance.

Questions from those present:

7.1 - Will the cafe be dog friendly? This will be looked into.

7.2 - Issues of security for building & park? Will ensure the building is as secure as possible. The busier and more used the park is, the less likely it is to be a problem Will work with SMBC to address any issues with regards to lighting the park at night.

7.3 - Timescale? This is dependent on planning but currently plan to have the cafe building completed by end April 2017 so will be ready for next summer. All other plans will follow on from this.

7.4 - Will there be a constitution and will there be executive positions? The constitution will establish aims and who the CIC will represent. The Executive Positions on the steering committee will be open to all and would hope to have representatives from the Village.

8. Working Group Two - Improving our Community

8.1 Carving: See update in item 3

9. Working Group Three - Bringing People Together

9.3 Food Festival (9th-15th October 2016): Following the first organising meeting it was agreed that the Food Festival would begin on Saturday 8th October with a food market event which would be held on the car park at Bethany Community Church- GVP will contact businesses to see if any would like to participate in this. Sunday 9th would see the return of the Gatley Bake Off at St James and on Saturday 15th October the Barn Dance would be held at Elm Road URC.

Matthew Carlisle raised the possibility of getting the local schools involved with something for the food festival to tie in with harvest. He will raise with Lum Head and GVP will make contact with Gatley Primary.

9.2 Christmas Festival:

- There was another discussion over the date for this event as some felt that 4th December was too late to hold. David Bailey suggested that a separate meeting be held to discuss further. **Action: GVP**
- Rosemary Gridlestone advised that Bethany Community Church are planning to hold a traditional carol service in the evening on Sunday 4th December to tie in with the Christmas Festival.
- David Owen raised that the lights on the trees on Gatley Green need to be taken down and looked at/re-jigged as would look better if all on one tree. **Action: GVP**

10. Any Other Business

10.1 Item tabled by Victoria Holmes on behalf of Art Lampkin regarding the 'No Cold Caller' stickers. Request for GVP to act on this to get the signs printed following discussion on Facebook. **Action: GVP**

11. Date and Time of Next Meeting

Next meeting: Wednesday 21st September 7pm-8pm Venue TBC

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Addendum:

- 1) Following discussions within the GVP organising team, it was decided that the Christmas Festival will go ahead as planned on 4th December.
- 2) New post box on Stonepail Road is now in place.