

Gatley Village Partnership AGM 3rd April 2019
7pm-8.30pm at Bethany Community Church

Present

Name	Role	Name	Role
Keith Holloway (KH)	Councillor	Tina Hilton (TH)	Resident
Tom Ash (TA)	Resident	Bernadette McKnight (BM)	Resident
Rachel Verrall (RV)	Resident	Julie Copeland (JC)	Resident
Alex Verrall (AV)	Resident	Paul Jones (PJ)	Resident
Tracey Adams (TA)	Resident & Gatley Knitwits	Colin Owen (CO)	Resident
Sally Keep (SK)	St James' Church & Resident	David Johnson (DJ)	Resident
Graham Greenhalgh (GG)	Councillor	Andy McKnight (AM)	GVP Treasurer
Clare Forrest (CF)	GVP Chair	Jane McKenzie (JM)	Uniform Groups
Vic Holmes (VH)	GVP Secretary		

1) Apologies

David Bailey, Matthew Carlise, Jo Lowe, Emma Milser, Iain Roberts, Pam Rowley.

2) Minutes Last Meeting – accepted and approved**3) Matters Arising** – None**4) Elections of Chair and Treasurer**

- CF stood down as Chair and AM took the Chair whilst election to the position of Chair took place.
- CF was re-elected as Chair as GVP.
- AM stood down as Treasurer. PJ was nominated, seconded and elected as new Treasurer of GVP.

5) Chair's Report

- It has been a difficult year when we nearly shut GVP down due to lack of volunteers. Although new volunteers have been recruited and are involved in projects, there are plenty of other opportunities for volunteers to get involved in GVP.
- We are now working on a project basis – a team leader who is enabled to see a project through and to recruit his or her own volunteers. This is beginning to work well.

- Moving forward we have small project teams organising Bake Off for 2020 and progressing the accessibility of the War Memorial.
- CF expressed thanks to the councillors for their support over GVP area committee requests – without them we would not have any events such as the Christmas Market, since their grants are essential to part-paying our ever-increasing insurance costs.
- We also contacted Andy Burnham and Mary Robinson to set up a crime meeting – there were conditions imposed on this which meant it wasn't as well attended as it could have been. Note that the councillors are still pursuing this.
- CF expressed thanks to VH for her work as secretary.

6) Treasurer's Report

- AM reported that Current Balance is £3091.28 with a further £300 in the PayPal account. This includes funds that obtained for the War Memorial Access project.
- PJ & AM to co-ordinate the handover of bank access/financial information.
- PJ to look at the bank account and consider changing to something simpler to access.

7) Sports Day Report – CF read report submitted by Alex Masidlover

- Sports Day is a community sporting event open to all.
- This year will be held on Sunday 5th May, later than usual due to the Easter Holidays meaning many families will be away. Will be held at Kingsway School - we were unable to use Scholes Field as the cricket season is underway.
- There will be lots of different sporting activities in the afternoon.
- Bookable events of Kids Sports, All-comers bike ride, 25 mile bike and a 5k run.
- Offered one person opportunity to fund raise for what they are doing. This year the place was offered to a Kingsway student who is raising money for an expedition to Ecuador.
- TA put forward a request for Old Bedians to be GVP's nominated rugby club for the event. This was agreed by those present.
- Request for volunteers to help during the event and to promote where possible.

8) War Memorial Access – Tina Hilton

- Architect engaged and has drawn up plans.
- Sent for pre-planning guidance.
- Certificate D – Public Notice in the paper approx £300 – once we get this, plans can be submitted.
- All local properties / residents written to re the project. Two replies – one complaint and one to offer to be liaison between GVP and the residents.
- Once get consent, will publish widely for consultation.
- £7000 cost approx. to achieve the pathway.
- Draft plans are on GVP Facebook page and sent to mailing list. Once through planning, the final will be publicised.

Action

1. **Contact existing regiments from the war memorial, Veterans, , disability charities, Help for Heroes etc re funding – TH**

2. Contact papers to sort publication of the notice – TH

9) Litter Picks - Jane McKenzie

- Scouting/Guiding groups – have undertaken litter picks. Kind offer of free pizza from Piccolo after litter picking – thanks to Bahman for this.
- Future dates will be set up and coordinated with council to organise collection of litter after the picks.

Action

3. Contact youth groups/school groups and any other groups/residents to set up other litter picks – JM

10) Bake Off – Sally Keep

- Has been held for past few years at St James Church. Limited success and attendance outside of the Church. Met with Gina (URC), Fran (Bethany) and Jane McKenzie (Guiding Groups) and considered Easter Sunday 2020 for the next event to try to grow the event. Due to church commitments decided against this.

Action

4. Sub group to meet to have further discussions about a suitable date, will also involve Kingsway School. - SK to arrange.

11) Gatley Website / Social Media – Clare Forrest

- Ben Greenwood set up and hosts current website, but is no longer able to continue doing so. CF expressed thanks to Ben for setting up and maintaining the site.
- AV has agreed to host and maintain the site. CF expressed thanks that AV agreed to take this on. AV will leave where it is for now and discuss with Ben a plan to move to his own hosting service.
- Social Media – VH & CF currently manage FB page. No-one looks after Twitter. Help requested from anyone interested.

Action

5. AV advised that plug-ins are possible from the website to post automatically to Social Media – AV will look at this and discuss options with CF.

12) Peace Day

- This was a very successful one-off event to commemorate the end of WW1. Special thanks to Ed Wilson and John Hartley for their help, support and involvement both before and during the event.
- JM – advised that the uniform groups are looking for opportunities to do something similar eg the afternoon tea on a regular basis.
- GG advised that the large poppies that were placed on lamp posts will be done annually.

13) Constitution – Clare Forrest

CF explained that, due to small number of volunteers GVP were struggling to achieve the four meetings a year that were set in the constitution.

Changes Proposed –

1. Proposal of one formal meeting a year – will be the AGM. This does not mean cannot be other meetings but must be at least one meeting a year.
2. Project teams to meet separately to take things forward.
3. Post of secretary – will be an elected role.
4. Year will run 5th April - 6th April, Annual financial report and any time in the interim or at the Treasurers discretion.
5. The Slack App will be used by project teams for ease of communication
6. Website – add to 7.2 for communications.

All present agreed to changes.

Action

6. Amended constitution to be circulated with the AGM minutes. - CF and VH

Any Other Business

GG – seeking to organise meeting with Police and will request attenders when a date has been arranged.