

Minutes of the Meeting of the Trustees of the Friends of the Grappenhall Heys Walled Garden held at Farnham Close, on Monday 30 Oct 2023

Present: Ian Fountain, Jane Coumbarides, Nina Kingston, Kath Brown (Secretary)

1. We agreed unanimously that Ian should act as Chair for this meeting.
2. Apologies for absence had been received from Erin Dawber.
3. We expressed our sadness at the death of Geoff Weston and our thanks for his contribution to the garden over many years, with particular mention of his role as Project Manager for the restoration of the glasshouses and his efforts to normalise relations with the PC.
4. Minutes of the meeting of 22 August 2019 were accepted.
5. All actions from that meeting had been completed.
6. The accounts for years ended 31/3/2020, 2021, 2022 and 2023 were formally approved (these had previously been approved via email correspondence). Similarly, the allocation of funds to the garden from 1 April 2019 to date was formally approved.
7. We agreed unanimously that this was an appropriate time to transfer the remaining funds to G&TPC and wind up the charity. We will inform the Charity Commission that we are winding up due to the breakdown in relations with the PC and the death of the Chairman. **(Action: Ian)**

The remaining funds stand at around £2600 of which £700 has already been designated for purchase of the roses that have just been planted. We agreed, with some minor changes, the wording of a letter to the PC that Ian had drafted, requesting that the remaining monies should be spent solely on purchases for the garden. The letter will be copied to Graham as Garden Manager. **(Action: Ian)**

8. We agreed the wording of a statement, drafted by Ian, to be posted on the website and facebook page explaining the situation. **(Action: Ian)**

We agreed that a short message explaining that the charity was now winding up and funds transferred to the PC (with a ref to the website/facebook page for further details) should be posted at the Garden and at Grappenhall library, if possible **(Action: Ian)**

9. AOB

- We agreed we should write to Geoff's widow, Pat, to inform her of our decision to wind up the charity and transfer the remaining funds to the PC, and to express our condolences and thanks to Geoff for his contribution to the garden over many years. **(Action: Nina)**
- There were no objections to Ian's suggestion that he keep the website and facebook page going for quite a while yet (the latter has a considerable number of followers).
- Ian expressed his thanks to the other Trustees for their contribution to the charity. This was reciprocated, with thanks to Ian for his long-term involvement and contribution.

Kath Brown (sec)

8 Nov 2023