

## Friends of Grove Gardens Extraordinary Committee Meeting

11am Monday 12th February 2024

Attendees - Sarah Simpson (Co-Chair), Anne Nursey (Secretary), Chris Wakeford (Bowling Club Rep), Sally Taylor, John Wilkinson, Shelley Winfield, Louisa Kershaw, Stuart Brown

Apologies - Andy Ridge (Co-Chair), Rosie Doran

### 1. Welcome and Apologies

### 2. Appointment of Stuart Brown as Treasurer

Stuart introduced himself to the group. His appointment was proposed by Sarah, seconded by Anne and unanimously supported by attendees.

### 3. Bank Account

Stuart has experience as the treasurer for Teddington Bowling Club and is starting conversations with Lloyds Bank to open a Treasurer Account, suitable for small community organisations such as FoGG. We will clarify signatories to the account in due course, keeping it light touch but mindful of our constitution. It will be useful to have a debit card associated with the account.

### 4. Updates from Working Groups

Grants - As we now have a treasurer we will progress a grant application to the Metropolitan Gardens Association to support additional planting in the long bed running between Grove Gardens and Grove Terrace. Shelley is progressing with support from Anne and Sally.

Contact with the Council

Shelley and Sarah have been invited to a meeting with H&H on 8th March to comment on the current maintenance arrangements for the Gardens ahead of a tender review with the council. All are asked to pass on any comments to Shelly.

### 5. Committee Meeting Dates

Meeting dates have been changed as follows:

Monday 8th April

Monday 1st July

Monday 30th September

We are no longer progressing with the idea of summer planting.

6. Shelly and Sally presented the draft questionnaire to be sent out to the FoGG group to gain input and feedback. Anne will work with H&H who have agreed to provide support in issuing and analysing the data using the Survey Monkey tool. A second draft will be sent round to the committee for comment before final input from the Council. Sally and John will use the survey to gain specific input from the residents of roads immediately circling the gardens as a separate, paper based, exercise.

### 7. Open Day

The Committee discussed a number of ideas for the Open Day which will be family oriented: children's quiz, raffle, cake stall, story time, treasure hunt, strolling magic and oversized garden games. Sarah, Andy, Stuart, John and Chris are all expecting to attend, with other committee members needing to clarify diary commitments before confirming.

Next Meeting: Monday 8th April, 11 am