Minutes of Committee Meeting 25/9/26 - Guildford Health Walks

Venue: Jolly Farmer, Whitmoor, 12.30pm.

Attendees: Annelize Kidd, Andy Wilson, Nick Trier, Georgina Churchlow, Michele Roach, Martyn Parker, Kevin Jenkins
Apologies: Roger Philo

1. **Minutes from last Committee Meeting on 18/6/26**
   Accepted. Outcomes of actions included in relevant sections below.

2. **Treasurer's report (Nick)**
   Nick advised that the annual report would be presented to the AGM on 10th October. Latest bank balance is £1857.99 which includes some of the quiz entrant payments but none of the costs (eg Hall hire, Cream Tea). Where possible invoices should be submitted before financial year-end on 30th September.
   Action All – Submit invoices for payment before end of September to be included in End-of-year accounts.

   Nick has investigated options for branded hats and suggested best option is for brimmed hats with logo on front only. Hats would be offered free to volunteers and available to walkers at cost plus price.
   Action Annelize: To provide logo to Nick
   Action Nick: To obtain quotes for branded hats

   (The rule of thumb is to hold 6 months of running costs in the bank. Usual ongoing annual expenditure is about £350 made up of insurance £214, website £70 and leaflets £65 plus an allowance for training).

3. **Regular 2-hour Saturday walk/Socials/Special events**
   It was agreed to discontinue the Saturday walks as they have not been sufficiently popular.

   Nick is arranging quarterly meals (broadly aligned to the equinox and solstices) which have proved popular, between 10 and 20 attended the Seahorse in July and the Percy Arms in September.

   Christmas lunches planned as follows:
   Boxgrove - 28th November (Queens Head, E Clandon)
   Worplesdon/Whitmoor – 8th January (Olive Tree pub, Sutton Green)
   Shalford – 9th December (TBC)
   Shere – 7th January (William Bray pub)

   Date for volunteer event at Guildford Institute was agreed for Tues 16th March, 6.30 – 9.30.
   Action Georgina: To make the booking at Guildford Institute including light buffet.

4. **Publicity (Michele/Annelize)**
   Michele continues to post Jottings/Notes in R&A, VantagePoint and Pages publications although Stoughton pages has stopped responding to requests. Articles cover walker recruitment as well as volunteer recruitment. It was agreed to prioritise Volunteering recruitment in the committee meeting in December.

   Michele is moving away in December but will continue with publicity work remotely.

Other publicity options include parish magazines and Onslow Village Residents Association (OVRA). Annelize continues to publicise GHW on Facebook and Instagram.
Action Martyn: To investigate publicizing in OVRA magazine.
Action All coordinators: To provide contact details to Michele for their local publications (eg parish magazines) for Merrow, Onslow, Shalford, Shere, W Horsley, Ripley etc.

Nick advised that a Christmas event is being held at Jolly Farmer on 5th December and has reserved a table space for GHW publicity. Nick hopes to offer a 1-hr walk.

It was agreed that we should consider procuring marketing banners for publicity purposes for use at events.
Action Georgina: To investigate marketing banner options.

Walkfest yielded no new walkers to GHW, 2 visiting Americans joined the Shalford walk. Walkfest coordinator Ken Bare has died so maybe that will be the last Walkfest.

5. **Volunteer Guidance/Training + New Volunteers/Safeguarding**
   Martyn advised that no new people are coming through existing channels. Discussion at next meeting to focus on how best to target likely new volunteers.

   The Spring 2026 update was issued to volunteers. It was agreed that the next update would be issued when there is sufficient material to report.

   Georgina offered assistance to Martyn in following up on potential leads.

6. **Incidents (Georgina)**
   Two reported, one was a tripping event and the other heart related. Learning point as discussed on previous meetings is for Walk Leaders to be aware of individuals physical and health constraints.

7. **Membership of GHW (Annelize)**
   161 walkers on DB, 30 walk leaders across the 5 groups. It was agreed that we need to recruit more walk leaders.

   The total/average/max numbers of walkers at each location is as follows:

   Boxgrove – Ave 15 walkers per week , 7 WLs (Peter Yorston and Steve Piatkowski have left)
   Worplesdon – Ave 13 walkers per week, 7 WLs
   Shalford – Ave 27 per week, 7 WLs
   Shere – Ave 20+ walkers per week. 9 WLs
   Whitmoor – Ave 16 walkers per week. 10 WLs.

   Annelize has initiated a new Monday walk at Netley Heath from Staple Lane.

   Annelize is planning to offer a Christmas Day walk at 10am, hoping to explore the new Burpham Wetlands area. Walks around the Christmas period will be offered if groups have WLs to support them.

8. **Website**
   Website is now much more flexible for change but needs to have regular updates/maintenance. We need to consider how best to present the Socials aspects of the group, there is some limited information under the News page at present.

Action Roger: To add original website designer names to the WordPress site.
Action All: Check that details relevant to them and walk groups are up-to-date.

9. Fundraising (Quiz and AGM)

A revised timetable for the Quiz/AGM meeting was agreed. Starting with AGM at 3.30 then quiz till 6.15 with a Tea break in the middle. Raffle from 6.15 to 6.30.
Action Andy: To distribute revised timetable.

Annelize advised there are 42 raffle/prize donations. It was agreed that the winning team would be awarded with a bottle of wine per person.
Action Annelize: To send out a comms to all walkers to confirm timings and arrangements for the Quiz/AGM meeting on 10th October (NB encourage people to arrive from 3.15).

It was agreed to confirm orders for 60 Cream Teas including Jam and Clotted Cream from Georgie's café in Onslow Village.

Andy, Martyn, Georgina, Nick and Noel will meet at OV Village Hall on Tuesday 29th Sep 3pm to check out AV/Tech arrangements, Kitchen facilities and the Piano.

Georgina is taking responsibility for the Teas and the Raffle. It was agreed that the raffle will be by winning ticket numbers choosing their prizes,

Michele Roach and Colin Selvin will assist Andy and Martyn on the quiz day.

10. AOB

Christmas lunch dates included in section 3 (Socials)

11. Date of next meetings

AGM/Quiz – Saturday 10th October 3.30 to 6.30
Committee Meeting – Monday 7th December 12.30, Clandon Park (Edwins garden centre)
Volunteer social – Tuesday 16th March 6.30 – 9.30