

1st SUNNINGDALE SCOUT GROUP

MINUTES OF A GROUP EXECUTIVE MEETING HELD AT THE NAGS HEAD, SUNNINGDALE,
on TUESDAY 4th July 2017.

THOSE PRESENT: Chairman Sir Julian Crofton, GSL Mr Doug Home, Mr Tony Flood, Mrs. Genna Clark (part), Mr Sebastian Jans, Hon Sec Mrs. Petra Hardie.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: Treasurer Ms. Helen Whiteman, Mrs. Vanessa Crook, Quartermaster Mr David Brittain.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Previous meeting was the AGM – minutes will be approved at next AGM.

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Rates notification has been received at the Scout Hut – zero to pay. **PH to hold on file.**
- enquiries@sunningdalescouts – Johanne Taylor email to be removed and replaced by Petra Hardie. **Chair to action.**

DATES FOR 2017/2018

- Dates agreed as per the attached list.
- Committee Meeting held in the week leading up to the Jumble sale
- Jumble sale start time changed to 1pm
- **GSL to email Jayne Strand at Sunninghill Parish Council re the Sunningdale Carnival – we have a date but no activity.**
- GSL attending a meeting re the District P&C camp at Earleywood this week
- Not sure if Cubs will be attending the County Cub adventure in PACAR.
- Quiz night to be held on Friday 13 October.
- **Chair to speak to Rajvoog in Sunninghill and/ or Ascot Spices in Ascot about a suitable date for a Curry Night.**
- Agreed to combine the AGM and the end of term BBQ to engage more parents.

END OF TERM BARBEQUE

- Start at 6pm
- Tony Flood to take responsibility for parking at Hurst Lodge and to ensure early arrivers do not park at Earleywood. Parking signs are in the work room cupboard (key in kitchen). Need 1 person manning Hurst Lodge and 1 at Earleywood and also to help with road crossing.
- Food - GSL and Louise to buy all the food and drink. 100 disposable cups required.
- Barbeques and charcoal to be transported via the trailer.
- Treasurer – to confirm price of entry and whether can be in attendance to take money at the gate.
- Climbing – as Hilary will not be there, **GSL to speak to Mark Pritchard and Grant Wyatt to find out if they can run the climbing wall on the day.**
- **GSL to liaise with section leaders to ensure they run stations on the day. Encourage them to enlist the help of at least 2 parents per section.**
- **Chair to send out an invitation to all parents in all sections.**

SCOUT CAMP

- It was confirmed that there will be no Scout Camp in the summer of 2017.

JAPANESE KNOTWEED

- The Chair advised that Clare Warren has been visited by the Senior Outside Facilities Manager from the Council who also then met the Chair. The Council representative advised that they are dealing with the Japanese knotweed that is on the verge. The knotweed that is on the boundary between the hut and the neighbouring property is being treated by both parties to ensure a successful outcome.
- GC expressed concern that there is potentially both legal ramifications and impact on house sales and so asked for clarification to ensure all committee members are comfortable that appropriate action is being taken on our behalf. **GC will speak to Claire about gathering support from other neighbours.**
- (NB written correspondence to date regarding this issue appended to these minutes. The link to the Environment Agency/ DEFRA page is <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-japanese-knotweed-from-spreading>.)

HQ RENOVATIONS/ GRANTS/ MAINTENANCE:

- Discussions focused on the outside of the property.
- **PH to ask David Brittain if he had a site survey that can be used by SJ to prepare a plan.**
- Suggestions included gravel around the tree; 3 fire pits with a concrete base; area needs to be leveled.
- Regarding internal renovations, GC is due to meet Ruth Bannerman, Sunninghill Guide leader, to discuss their recent renovations and the pitfalls encountered.

AOB:

- Clare Warren has agreed to take over from Caroline Underwood as Waiting List Coordinator. A handover meeting is scheduled within the next week.
- Following the Dragon Boat Regatta, the Cubs leaders have requested the following for outside events:
 - Gazebo - £289.99
 - Trolley - £50
 - Table £30
- All agreed that these could be purchased. **Chair to action.**
- Banners have also been requested but they will need the 1st Sunningdale logo added. This is also being considered for the trailer. Chair is looking into this.
- Chair has also bought a Jenga game for £11 for the hut for all sections to use.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 26th September 2017.

Meeting closed at 9.55pm

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1st Sunningdale Scouts

Dates for 2017/ 2018

Autumn term starts	4/9/2017
Sunningdale Carnival ?	10/9/2017
District P&C Camp at Earleywood	22-24/9/2017
Country Cub Adventure	23/9/2017
Committee Meeting	26/9/2017
Jumble Sale	30/9/2017
Quiz Night	13/10/2017
Half Term	23-27/10/2017
Street Fayre ?	November
Autumn term ends	19/12/2017
Spring Term starts	03/01/2018
Committee Meeting	23/01/2018
Jumble Sale	27/01/2018
Half term	12-16/02/2018
Curry Night	Date to be confirmed
Spring term ends	29/03/2018
Easter Sunday	01/04/2018
Summer term starts	16/04/2018
Committee Meeting	08/05/2018
Jumble Sale	12/05/2018
Half term	28/05-01/06/2018
District Camp	04-06/05/2018
End of term BBQ and AGM	16/07/2018
Committee Meeting	18/07/2018
Summer term ends	20/07/2018
Just for info:	
FA Cup Final	19/05/2018
Royal Ascot	19-23/06/2018
World Cup	14/06/2018-15/07/2018

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Genna Clark
15/06/2017 17:59

[Committee] Japanese knotweed on site

To: sunningdalescoutcommittee@googlegroups.com

Hi Julian and Doug

I gather we have **Japanese knotweed** at the Scout hut, plus on the grass verge on the High St and in the Warren's garden, which is clearly not ideal.

Can you please update us as to how it's being managed?

From what I can tell, the important thing, legally, is to follow the EA guidelines at:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prevent-japanese-knotweed-from-spreading>

I was surprised to read that it can survive burning, so the guidelines for disposal fall under controlled waste, either via an approved contractor, or by burying it in a certain way. But I can't tell if this is required if herbicide treatment is successful...? Have you managed to find that out?

It looks like herbicide treatment has been applied to the clump on the grass verge, but do you know who by?

Thanks both.

Best wishes

Genna

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Julian Crofton
16/06/2017 16:15

Re: [Committee] Japanese knotweed on site

To: sunningdalescoutcommittee@googlegroups.com

Hi Genna,

There is knotweed on the boundary between the scout hut and the Warrens and on the verge of the High Street. Clare was the first to confirm it after she came back from a woodlands day with Ann Martin who used to be Parish Secretary.

The knotweed in the verge has been there for about ten years, possibly more, and it's mostly been kept in check by Graeme Kennedy the Parish groundsman, and when it was first found by Ann Martin, as Parish Secretary. The verge is Borough council property and they weren't particularly interested when it was first reported to them years ago which is why Graeme has been keeping an eye on it when he's been passing and cutting it back when necessary. I reported it to RBWM Streetcare who acknowledged it last week and Clare has been talking to the Borough and neighbours as well. Hopefully they will get the message that they need to be more proactive than they have been.

As you said, it looks as though the Warrens may have put some Roundup on the plant on the verge and it looks like it is being quite effective. Hopefully it will get deep into the plant and kill it. We need to keep a close eye on it and probably cut it back soon. If it starts to show any signs of flowering it absolutely has to go immediately, regardless of what the Borough does.

The annoying thing is, the plant on our boundary must have come from the plant on the verge — they are too close to be a coincidence — and it must have spread by flower and seed because there are no other shoots between the verge and the compound, which there would be if it had spread through the ground.

The knotweed between the hut and the Warrens has been cut back to the ground and the stumps treated with herbicide. The cuttings are being dried and we will burn those. Clare has done the same on her side and used a different herbicide. Provided it is kept cut back so there are no leaves to feed the roots and the roots are kept poisoned it will die. Hopefully using two different herbicides will add to the stress on the plant and kill it more quickly. It will take a while because it is a very tough volcanic island plant, but it will die.

Knotweed is just a plant so it can't survive burning unless it is burnt green when very few plants burn properly. One of the problems with knotweed is it can reproduce vegetatively from living tissue so partially burnt stems, or soil that does or might have knotweed root parts in is treated as industrial waste for incineration and can't be reused in gardening or building projects.

The main thing is we and the Warrens keep on top of the plant on our boundary and kill it, and keep a close eye on the plant on the verge and make sure the Borough deal with it effectively so we don't get this coming back. Right now, we're on top of it. We certainly don't want it getting out of hand.

Regards,

Julian



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JC Julian Crofton
22/06/2017 18:26

Re: [Committee] Japanese knotweed on site
To: sunningdalescoutcommittee@googlegroups.com

The knotweed in the compound when last seen. It doesn't look well at all. Hopefully we're on the right track.



Regards,
Julian



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Guidance Prevent Japanese knotweed from spreading

From: Environment Agency, Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, and Natural England
Part of: Land management and Wildlife and habitat conservation
Published: 30 March 2016
Last updated: 19 April 2017, see all updates
Applies to: England and Wales

How to identify, control and dispose of Japanese knotweed.

- Contents
- Prevent the spread of Japanese knotweed
 - Dispose off-site safely
 - Further information
 - Contacts

The content on this page is in [beta](#) and may be updated frequently.

You must prevent Japanese knotweed on your land from spreading into the wild and causing a nuisance.

You could be fined up to £5,000 or be sent to prison for up to 2 years if you allow contaminated soil or plant material from any waste you transfer to spread into the wild.

Find out how to [identify Japanese knotweed](#) using the identification sheet.

Prevent the spread of Japanese knotweed

You don't have to remove Japanese knotweed from your land, but you could be prosecuted or given a community protection notice for causing a nuisance if you allow it to spread onto anyone else's property.

Spray with chemicals

Spraying with chemicals (known as 'herbicides') is an effective treatment to stop invasive plants from spreading. You must only use [approved herbicides](#).