

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Amenities, Open Spaces and Environment Committee Thursday 08th July 2021 At Singleton Village Hall, starting At 10.00 0m

Present: Cllrs Gathern, P Barker and Wiffen
Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk)

The meeting started at 10.00 am.

1. Election of Chair

Cllr Gathern has been re-elected as the chair of the committee.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr P Barker	In Favour: all
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

2. Apologies for Absence

No apologies.

3. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gathern (Item 7)

4. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces Committee meeting held on 03rd March 2021 were duly approved.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr P Barker	In Favour: all
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

5. Tree Management

Ashford Borough Council is currently in the process of inviting residents of the borough to be Tree Champions. The scheme objective is to build a network of people who would help champion trees, within their volunteer role of Tree Wardens, they would also be able to organize events to promote trees, set up tree nurseries and talk to young people about the value of trees.

6. Pesticide Free Zones

No update. The Clerk informed members that the council is now using white vinegar to spray weed in parish owned amenities.

7. Allotments

The allotment still has a long waiting list, the committee discussed the possibility of extending the existing site to the site's boundary. The Clerk to check if the footpath that runs along the fence is part of the Public Right of Way. If it is the path might have to be relocated.

A Summer plot inspection will be arranged for the end of July 2021.

The committee briefly discussed the parking issues and agreed that plot holders should park in the village hall car park as per their agreement and only use the car park near the allotment as a drop off point.

The security of the site will need to be reviewed and plans to improve it agreed with the Barrow and Spade Brigade. Also, potential funding needs to be identified to complete any proposed work.

8. Kent Plan Bee

The Clerk is awaiting to receive information from Kent Wildlife Trust. The committee asked to send a follow up email to find out how the project is progressing.

9. Items for information or Agenda for next meeting

- Installation of electric charging points at Singleton Village Hall
- Wooden Horse and family on A28
- Allotment extension

10. Date and venue of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting is Monday, 09th August starting at 10.00 am at the Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 11.30 am