

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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**A Meeting of the Amenities, Open Spaces and Environment
Committee will be
held on Wednesday 6th October 2021
at Singleton Village Hall
Starting at 17.00 pm**

AGENDA

1. Apologies for Absence

To receive and approve apologies for absence.

2. Declarations of Interest

To hear declarations of interest on items on this agenda.

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of 08th July 2021 meeting as true record.

4. Allotments

To receive an update on recent activities and to discuss possible extension of the site.

5. Wooden Horse

To consider taking on maintenance of the Wooden Horse on Great Chart bypass

6. Kent Plan Bee

To receive an update on recent activities and to consider ideas to increase pollinator friendly areas.

7. Items for information or Agenda for next meeting

To receive items for information from members and/or inclusion on next agenda.

8. Date and venue of next meeting

To confirm date and venue of the next meeting.

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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

Ideas to increase pollinator friendly sites in the parish.

Below is a list of ideas, the parish council could initiate and support. The list is not exhaustive nor is definite. Any additional ideas welcome.

Proposal	Maintenance	Cost
Planters: To place flower planters around the parish. The planters could be made using recycled wood from SEC or could ask for donations. The Repair Café could make the planters.	There would be an ongoing maintenance of the flowers and the planters (repair etc.)	
Bee hotels: To place bee hotels around the parish.		The cost of bee hotels could ask the Repair Café to make these.
Flower seeds: to collect wildflower seeds to grow and plant flowers. The allotments on Great Chart and SEC could be involved in this project. Could organise a community seed collection day with SEC?		
Window Planters: to encourage residents to have window planters. We could ask residents to post pictures of pollinators visiting their planter. We could continue to use the #singletonflowerpower or create a new tag line.		
Bus stops and bins: to create green roofs	Ongoing maintenance	