

# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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## Meeting of the Amenities, Open Spaces and Environment Committee Wednesday 06<sup>th</sup> April 2022 At Singleton Village Hall, starting At 17.30 pm

**Present:** Cllrs Gathern, P Barker and Wiffen

Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk) and one Member of the public

The meeting started at 17.30 pm.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

None

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gathern (Item 4)

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 were duly approved.

<b>Proposed: Cllr P Barker</b>	<b>Seconded: Cllr Wiffen</b>	<b>In Favour: 3</b>
<b>Vote against: 0</b>	<b>Vote Abstain: 0</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>

### 4. Allotments

Since the last meeting considerable progress has been made on the expansion of the allotments. The area adjacent to the existing allotments has been cleared of the vegetation and plans to install a fence have started with a meeting of a contractor on site. It was recommended that a fence that provide a better protection is selected, although this will add considerably to the cost. It was agreed that the Clerk will contact both the Borough and County Councillors for additional funding, so the whole perimeter of the fence can be replaced. It was noted that this project has come to fruition in a short period of time, thanks to the efforts of all involved.

### 5. Management Plan for Buxford Meadow

There is nothing to report, no plan received to date.

### 6. Meadow Creation

Aspire has left the grass on areas agreed longer and signs will go up shortly explaining more about the project.

The grant for green bus roof tops is not open yet. Cllr Wiffen and the Clerk met a representative from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and reviewed the proposed areas for enhanced biodiversity. A management plan will be drawn up, information on pollinator friendly plants has already been received. Look at creating planters.

## **7. Bumblebee Conservation Trust- Buzzing Communities**

After a meeting with a representative there were several things mentioned the council should consider:

- Communication with residents
- Managing expectations
- Realistic and manageable project size

Cllr Wiffen, Cllr Barrett (ABC) and the Clerk canvassed residents living on Heron Walk to seek their views a possibility of a community garden. The response from the residents was overwhelmingly positive. The Clerk to contact Aspire to arrange clearance of the bed. The Clerk to leaflet the houses with an update and leaflet again with a date of a community planting event.

## **8. Items for information or Agenda for next meeting**

In addition to the regular items, the following will also be discussed at the next meeting:

- Tree trail, to draft routes and receiving information on signs
- Goal posts- little field Great Chart Playing Fields
- Heron Walk Community Garden
- Arrange a walk around
- Meadow creation (to receive planters costing)

## **9. Date and venue of next meeting**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 starting at 17.30 pm at Singleton Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 18.35 pm