Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Amenities, Open Spaces and Environment Committee Wednesday 29th June 2022 At Singleton Village Hall, starting At 17.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Gathern, P Barker, McClintock and Wiffen

Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk)

The meeting started at 17.35 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Gathern (Item 4) Cllrs Wiffen & McClintock (Item 8)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Amenities and Open Spaces and Environment Committee meeting held on 25th May 2022 were duly approved.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr P Barker	In Favour: 4
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Allotments

Members of the committee received an update on the fundraising efforts on to install a new fence around the expansion area. The clerk confirmed so far the following sum has been awarded for the project:

£7500- Amity Allotment Fund £1000- Cllr Charlie Simkins £300- Cllr Bill Barrett £850- Cllr Kalysha Howard-Smith

The total cost of the new fence with a gate comes to £16,591.20. In addition to the above funds the parish council will contribute from the budget line allocated for the allotments.

5. Management Plan for Buxford Meadow

There is nothing to report, no plan received to date. The clerk to follow it up.

6. Bumblebee Conservation Trust- Buzzing Communities

The committee reviewed the management plan from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust and agreed to concentrate on areas one and three identified in the plan. Cllr Gathern and Cllr Barrett visited the meadow areas on Poundfield Walk They were pleased to see the presence of wildflowers. Aspire and the parish council is hoping to work on a joint publicity campaign promoting the project and to explain it in more detail the purpose of these meadows. Cllr Gathern thanked the parish stewards for their work, including building the first planter that is now located next to the Singleton village sign. Cllr Gathern also noted the positive working relationship the PC has with Aspire.

7. Tree Trail

The committee as part of the meeting walked around from the parish office to Imperial Way. The committee agreed that this could form part of the proposed tree trail. The Clerk to start forming the trail.

8. Goal Posts at Great Chart Playing Fields (small field)

No further update on the goal posts.

9. Heron Walk Community Garden

The Clerk updated the committee that the stewards while slowly but making progress on the project.

10. Items for information or agenda for next meeting

- Allotment
- Heron Walk Community Garden Project
- Feedback from walk around
- Goal Posts at Great Chart Playing Fields
- Meadow project
- Tree trail

11. Date and venue of next meeting

The next scheduled meeting will be held on Wednesday, 31st August 2022 starting at 17.30 pm at Singleton Village Hall.

The meeting finished at 19.05 pm