

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Environment Committee Friday, 6th October 2023 at Singleton Village Hall, Parish Office

Present: Cllrs Peter Barker, Dave Gathern, Matthew Peach, and Malcolm Wiffen
Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk) Cllr S Gather (ABC)

The meeting started at 17:00 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

None

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wiffen (Item 6)

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 26th July 2023 were duly approved with the amendment from 2 MOP to 1 MOP and Cllr S Gathern ABC.

Proposed: Cllr Malcolm Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Matthew Peach	In Favour: 4
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Allotments

After a successful grant application to increase the container roof's capacity to harvest rainwater, work has begun. The new roof will extend a little over the current boundaries however it will not impact on accessing the site nor reduce the width of the path. The Barrow and Spade Brigade experienced some challenges when approaching Metro Bank to open a bank account. The Clerk offered to help the group and visit Metro Bank in person.

5. Heron Walk Community Garden

There is no update. The replacement Parish Steward will restart this project.

6. Tree Trail

Cllr P Barker presented a map to the committee with a potential route for the tree trail. The proposed route is accessible on foot but there might be locations that will not be suitable for wheelchair users. The committee agreed to plan a route that is fully accessible for wheelchair users too. The proposed route has been accepted by the committee and agreed that trees can be added in the future to extend the route.

Proposed: Cllr Malcolm Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Matthew Peach	In Favour: 4
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

7. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow

The committee was pleased to note that the bridge between the lake and the car park has been replaced.

8. Ashford Community Woodland

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase 8 fruit trees to be planted in the orchard, the total budget is £70 per tree. A tree planting day has been arranged for Saturday, 4th of November 2023.

9. Chilmington Green Development

The committee considered whether to discuss or review landscaping plans for Chilmington Green Development. The committee agreed not to get involved with the landscaping plans as the Planning Committee already reviews and comments on those.

10. Bee Project

The Clerk contacted the leader of the project but has not heard back yet. The Clerk to follow up on this.

11. Items for information or agenda for next meeting

- Allotment
- Heron Walk Community Garden Project
- Singleton Lake and Buxford Meadow
- Tree Trail
- Bee project- Singleton West

12. Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting is on Monday, 06th of November 2023 starting at 17:00pm.

The meeting closed at 17:55 pm.