

# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

Founded in December 1894



## Stronger Communities Committee held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 at 5:15pm in the Parish Office MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Y Barker, D Gathern, Sullivan, Wiffen.

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllrs Alexander, McClintock.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

To hear declarations of interest, relating to

#### 2.1. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

#### 2.2. Other Significant Interests

None

#### 2.3. Other Interests

None

### 3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The committee resolved to approve the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2023 as a true record.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Sullivan	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

### 4. Community Fridge project

#### 4.1. To receive an update and next steps for the project

An update was given on the new volunteers and their roles, including the upcoming newsletter piece and social media message to attract new volunteers and food businesses. The project is now regularly receiving food waste from local co-op shops, and there is work in progress to bring the local Morrisons into the process as well.

New fruit and vegetable display equipment will be purchased and delivered in the next couple of weeks to make the 'green tray' area tidier to look at and more practical for cleaning.

There were issues over Christmas with delivered food being very short dated and fresh food being at its best on delivery. This created a larger than usual amount of food waste with no waste pick up for Lily's as they were closed over the holiday period. In future orders will be cancelled over the entire holiday period.

#### 4.2. To agree the purchase of the storage fridge

It was noted that Option 1 would not fit within the area used for the current fridge without removing shelving or losing floor space. Option 3 was deemed to be the better of the remaining two options. The committee resolved to purchase the tall white Beko fridge at Option 3.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Sullivan	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr D Gathern	<b>Vote for:</b> 4
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

#### 5. Cooking classes

A discussion was held to determine what the classes would cover and who they would attract. The deputy clerk will make contact with people who can provide this service to find out exactly what they can provide and when.

#### 6. Parish Awards

It was suggested that instead of giving out physical awards, that the Annual Meeting of Electors could become a catered event to thank volunteers for their contribution to the parish. This will be discussed with the Clerk beforehand.

The committee then discussed future events which could be organised by the committee or by a group of local volunteers, such as further photo competitions, gardens in bloom in the summer, and Christmas lights in December which could encourage residents to improve the overall look of the parish.

#### 7. Date and venue of next meeting

The next meeting will be held in Singleton Village Hall on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February at 1pm.

The meeting closed at 18:45pm.

Signed as a true record by;

Cllr Yolanda Barker \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_