

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Environment Committee Tuesday, 23rd January 2024 at Singleton Village Hall, Parish Office

Present: Cllrs Peter Barker, Dave Gather and Malcolm Wiffen

Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk) Cllr S Gather (ABC) and 1 MOP

The meeting started at 16:30 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr McClintock

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 08th November 2023 were duly approved.

Proposed: Cllr Malcolm Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Gather	In Favour: 3
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Allotments

The Barrow and Spade Brigade are proposing amendments to the current tenancy agreement between the Brigade and the plot holders. The changes have been forwarded to the National Association of Allotments for comments to ensure that the proposal is within the legal framework. A large container has been put in place to collect rainwater, this will hopefully help with water supply during the dry season.

5. Heron Walk Community Garden

There is no update. The committee is still keen to make this a community led project, with support from the Parish Council.

6. Tree Trail

The signs are ready and will be installed when a steward is appointed.

7. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow

A walkaround the lake has been arranged by Cllr Barrett for the 30th of January, members of the committee will be attending. This walk will include only the lake as the meadow area comes under a different ward member. Streetlights around the lake have been reported as some is covered in vegetation, KCC requested to include the column

numbers in the reporting to help them identify the streetlights. The column numbers are not always easy to read as they faded. Some work has been done but not enough and the spring growth will result in covering the streetlight again. Reports of Asian Hornets sighting around the lake has been received.

8. Ashford Community Woodland

Some of the trees that have been planted in the orchard were damaged and one removed from the ground altogether. When the next planting season comes replacement trees will be planted. Tree felling activity has been spotted on the Singleton Environment Centre land, near Mock Lane, concerns were raised as the work did not appear to be organised or carried out by Aspire.

9. Bee Project

The report has been received and reviewed by the committee. It was agreed that the recommendations within the report could form part of a joint project between Ashford Borough Council and the Parish Council.

10. 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

11. Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, 27th February 2024 starting at 4.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 17.36 pm.