

# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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## Stronger Communities Committee held on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 1pm in Singleton Village Hall MINUTES

**PRESENT:** Cllrs Y Barker, Sullivan, Wiffen, P Cowperthwaite (Deputy Clerk).

### 1. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Gathern. It was also noted that Cllr Alexander has resigned from the council and will no longer be a member of the committee.

### 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 previous meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 as a true record.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Sullivan	<b>Vote for:</b> 3
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

### 4. Community Fridge project

The new fruit and vegetable display rack has been delivered and is now in place. It has been well received by users and makes the area look more professional. The storage fridge is also now in place and is much more suitable for volunteers to use. The remote monitoring is working well in both fridges.

The team of volunteers continues to grow. They are all working really well and the committee is very grateful for their help. The deputy clerk will shortly undertake the Level 2 hygiene certificate as Cllr Alexander has now left.

A grant application has been submitted to Cllr Barrett at ABC to pay for improved signage on the fridge itself. The deputy clerk is working on leaflets and posters for the general area. It would be good to design and install some external signage.

The project has passed the annual Fareshare inspection. The Easter week delivery has

been cancelled to avoid the problems experienced over Christmas.

The grant money currently paying for Fareshare orders will run out during March so funds will come from the new financial year budget.

It was suggested that the weekly order of 30 trays is reduced slightly to avoid stockpiles of dry goods, and also to encourage donations from residents. However, the budget has been agreed for 30 trays so it would seem sensible to use it.

It was suggested that the occasional catering packs that cannot be split are allocated to volunteers.

The committee resolved to continue to order 30 trays per week from Fareshare for the foreseeable future.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Sullivan	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Y Barker	<b>Vote for:</b> 3
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

## 5. Cooking classes

The response from Simon at Lily's café was shared and it was agreed that this is not a current line of possibility. Other lines of enquiry have not produced any willing participants.

It was noted that it is possible to run food sessions without any cooking as per Repton's half term activities. Those present will think of alternative contacts to see if there is any way forward with this idea.

## 6. Big Thank You

It was suggested that, after the official parts of the Annual Meeting of Electors have taken place, a more social, networking event is put on to thank volunteers across the parish for their contributions to the many clubs and groups in the area.

A pack of reports could be provided in hard copy should attendees wish to access them, and a roll of photos could be shown on a white board. Attendees will be able to promote their organisations to others present. Grant forms and community hero application forms will also be available.

The committee resolved to request a motion be added to the agenda of the next council meeting to discuss this idea.

<b>Proposed:</b> Cllr Wiffen	<b>Seconded:</b> Cllr Y Barker	<b>Vote for:</b> 3
<b>Against:</b> 0	<b>Abstain:</b> 0	<b>Motion carried</b>

## 7. Christmas Events

Christmas events will be discussed at the next meeting.

## 8. Big Lunch 2024

It was noted that the date of the Big Lunch has moved to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> July. Help was requested in the run up to the event from those present.

It was suggested that a 'tick sheet' of stalls could be designed, so that visitors can get a stamp from key information stalls and be entered into a prize draw. One such stall to be the Community Fridge stall where a volunteer can run a Hook a Tin style stall whilst also sharing information on how the project works.

A raffle was also suggested and a volunteer will be requested to organise this.

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

The next meeting will be held on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April at 6:30pm in the Parish Office.

The meeting closed at 15:00pm.

Signed as a true record by;

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

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