

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Environment Committee Tuesday, 27th February 2024 at Singleton Village Hall, Parish Office starting at 4.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Peter Barker, Dave Gathern 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

None

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 Gathern	In Favour: 3
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Biodiversity Policy and Environment Action Plan

The committee reviewed both documents and agreed to recommend adopting them to the full council with the addition to the action plan "request landowners to submit a management plan for land the parish council is not responsible for".

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

5. Allotments

The Barrow and Spade Brigade submitted the accounts for the 2023 Financial year. Cllr P Barker inspected the accounts and reported to the committee that it is all in order. Cllr P Barker requested to see the insurance schedule and monthly payments in the future to make auditing easier. An AGM will be held in April.

6. Heron Walk Community Garden

Residents in Heron Walk are still interested in helping with the community garden. The raised bed will be prepared for planting.

7. Tree Trail

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

8. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow

Friends of Singleton Lake is holding a meeting on Wednesday, 6th of March. A walkaround the lake with Aspire and Cllr Barrett took place on the 30th of January with members of the committee also attending. The walkaround was productive members expressed their aspiration to reinstate the path around the Buxford pond. To date there is no detailed costing of the replacement of the existing walkway. The committee discussed there is a lack of signage and information where day tickets to fish can be purchased, and agreed that purchasing tickets online should be made available.

9. Ashford Community Woodland

Reports of tree felling activity has been received and reported to the Police. A patrol car has been dispatched but no further information has been received. The site remains under observation and any future activities should be reported immediately.

10. Bee Project

Following the management plan provided by the Bumblebee Conservation Trust a walk took place to review the recommended areas. Aspire and Cllr S Gatherer (ABC) were present along with the Clerk. It has been agreed to changing the cutting regime on the areas highlighted on the map (see appendix 1). While the land is owned by KCC permission to change the cutting regime has been given. Cllr S Gatherer offered to fund wildflower seeds and plug plants to further enhance these areas. The Clerk submitted a grant application form towards the purchase of seeds and plug plants. The project is moving towards a positive direction.

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 Tuesday, 26th March 2024 starting at 4.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 17.40 pm.