

Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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Meeting of the Environment Committee Tuesday, 26th of March 2024 at Singleton Village Hall, Parish Office starting at 4.30 pm

Present: Cllrs Peter Barker, Yolanda Barker and Malcolm Wiffen

Also Present: Aniko Szocs (Clerk) and 1 MOP

The meeting started at 16:30 pm.

1. Apologies for Absence

Apologies received from Cllr Gathern.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Minutes of the previous meeting

The minutes of the Environment Committee meeting held on 27th February 2024 were duly approved.

Proposed: Cllr Wiffen	Seconded: Cllr Y Barker	In Favour: 3
Vote against: 0	Vote Abstain: 0	Motion carried

4. Allotments

The waiting list for an allotment plot is growing steadily. Some of the enquiries are being directed to the Allotment Association adjacent to the church yard as they have available plots.

5. 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 once the area is dried and ready.

6. Tree Trail

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

7. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow

Friends of Singleton Lake had a successful meeting. The secretary produced a leaflet about Singleton Lake to be circulated in the curtilage of the lake. On the 9th of June, members of FOSL will be at what locally known is the bridge, advising residents on the best food to feed birds with. The FOSL AGM will be held on 4th of June starting from

8.00 pm at Singleton Village Hall. Day tickets to fish at the lake can currently only be purchased from a shop, there is a suggestion to make tickets available online or using a QR code to make it more accessible. Aspire has been supportive of FOSL and carried out vegetation clearance around the lake when requested. The boardwalk replacement is an ongoing discussion with final quotes to be confirmed. Reports of increased litter around the lake received.

8. Ashford Community Woodland

Members noted that the recent tree felling activity left large logs/trees on the ground that could pose fire hazard in the future if left in situ.

9. Bee Project

The Clerk thanked Cllr Gathern (ABC) in her absence of the £500 grant contribution towards purchasing wildflower seeds to improve habitats in the Singleton West Ward of the parish.

10. Gardening Competition

The Committee agreed to run a competition of Best Front Garden. Categories and further details of the competition will be discussed at the next meeting. Cllr Wiffen offered a voucher for two for lunch at SEC as a prize.

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
- Gardening Competition- Best Front Garden

12. Date and venue of next meeting

The date of the next scheduled meeting is on Tuesday, 30th April 2024 starting at 4.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 17.30 pm.