

# Great Chart with Singleton Parish Council

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## Meeting of the Environment Committee Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> April 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 Sally Gathern (ABC) 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 26<sup>th</sup> March 2024 were duly approved.

<b>Proposed: Cllr Wiffen</b>	<b>Seconded: Cllr Gathern</b>	<b>In Favour: 3</b>
<b>Vote against: 0</b>	<b>Vote Abstain: 0</b>	<b>Motion carried</b>

### 4. Allotments

The allotment held their AGM where discussion was held about changes to the tenancy agreement and new members were elected to the committee. The Barrow and Spade Brigade would like to install a compost toilet on site. The Environment Committee is fully supporting this idea. The project would be funded via grants from borough councillors and the budget line allocated by the parish council. The large water tanks are now full of water and there are plans to install more. Inspection of the plots will be carried out and a time will be given to plot holders when so they can get their plot ready for inspection.

### 5. Heron Walk Community Garden

Work has begun to prepare the area for growing either vegetables or herbs. To promote sustainability no pesticides will be used, instead a layer of cardboard and compost.

## **6. Tree Trail**

Cllr P Barker and the Parish Steward to walk around to identify the trees that are part of the trail and location of the information boards.

## **7. Singleton Lake & Buxford Meadow**

Friends of Singleton Lake will be holding their AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> of June 2024 starting at 8.00 pm. The Steward will be walking around with Aspire to identify areas for work, these will be reviewed and agreed before committing to work. FOSL is organising a table event to promote healthy bird feeding around the lake, the event will be held on the bridge as known locally, on the 9<sup>th</sup> of June at 9.30 am. The Clerk to contact Aspire to see if there is any update on the boardwalk.

## **8. Ashford Community Woodland**

No updates reported.

## **9. Bee Project**

The Committee thanked Cllr Sally Gatherer for her donation towards purchasing wildflowers. The Clerk to liaise with Aspire to identify the exact locations where these areas will be.

## **10. Gardening Competition**

The Committee agreed to run a competition of Best Front Garden in the following categories:

- Overall Best Front Garden: This category recognises the garden that demonstrates exceptional design, maintenance, and curb appeal.
- Most Creative Front Garden: This category celebrates innovative and unique garden designs, including creative use of plants, landscaping features, and decorative elements.
- Best Small Front Garden: This category is specifically for smaller front gardens or spaces, highlighting how creativity and effective design can maximise limited space.
- Best Flower Display: Celebrating gardens with the most stunning and vibrant floral displays, including beds, borders, and hanging baskets.
- Best Wildlife-Friendly Front Garden: Recognising gardens that provide habitat and resources for local wildlife, such as birds, butterflies, and bees, through the use of native plants, bird feeders, and wildlife-friendly features.

## **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, 28<sup>th</sup> May 2024 starting at 4.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 17.20 pm.