

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 6TH FEBRUARY 2024

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM
16TH JANUARY 2024 6.00pm**

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Jane Parker

Councillors: Bob Budd, Jacki Burton

Councillors: Russ Marsden-Sear, Rick Parker (Ex Officio)

A 67. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor: Emma Aylward, Antony Bassett, Emma Carrick, Kirsty Halls, Martin Harvey, Russ Marsden-Sear, Jules Verhulpen,

A 68. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

A 69. QUESTION TIME FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A question was raised regarding the tree in the fenced area beside the Community Hall. The Clerk advised that advice had been given to scratch the bark and that as this proved to be green underneath, it was hoped that the tree may still rejuvenate in the spring. Councillor Jane Parker advised that should this not be the case then a replacement tree will be sought.

A 70. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

A 71. CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk reported that:

The Storytelling Bench in Old Rectory Gardens has been ordered and is expected to be delivered and fitted in February.

New Padlocks and keys have been ordered for St. Michael's Allotments. A Deposit of £10 will be collected in April when new contracts are issued. This

money will be invoiced separately and ringfenced. If a key is lost, this will be non-refundable. An increase of 5% to allotments payments has been budgeted but this will form an agenda item next month.

A 72. MONTHLY UPDATE ON LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS:

No updates to report.

The works to KGV Playground are expected to begin shortly.

A 73. FOOTPATH PROW 3043/1

The growth from landowner's trees that have obscured streetlights has been pruned but further pruning is still required. A quotation for £100 to prune the remaining branches has been received from a Tree Surgeon. Councillors agreed and this work was authorised by Chair Jane Parker.

A 74. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 13th February 2024 18:00

The meeting closed at 18:05 pm

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