

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 7TH MAY 2024

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM
9TH APRIL 2024 6.00pm**

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Jane Parker

Councillors: Emma Aylward, Bob Budd, Kirsty Halls, Jules Verhulpen

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

A 83. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillor: Antony Bassett, Jacki Burton, Emma Carrick, Martin Harvey

A 84. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

A 85. QUESTION TIME FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

A 86. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

A 87. CLERK'S REPORT:

FAGS Report to the Felpham Parish Council April 2024:

All plots that have become available have been re-allocated and we now have a waiting list of 41 Felpham residents.

The CCTV has been installed and is now working in accordance with the Data Protection policy and Privacy Impact. We are pleased to report that there have been no incidents since its installation.

The Community Payback scheme is now discontinued as they did not have sufficient funds to continue. The plot had been well worked and has now been re-allocated.

The plant sale has been organised and the date set as May 18th.

At the AGM a change to the constitution was agreed whereby the committee members are permitted to serve for three terms rather than two.

The grant form requesting financial assistance with the cost of the CCTV will be handed in to the FPC meeting April 9th.

A 88. MONTHLY UPDATE ON LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS:

- Grass cutting should be in full swing but is being somewhat hampered by the ground conditions. Many larger areas are too wet to take ride on machinery or the tractor presently. Where practicable smaller sides will be cut with pedestrian mowers. As soon as conditions allow these will be cut with the ride on machinery.
- No formal green flag judging for Old Rectory Gardens this spring, but it will be mystery shopped at some point.
- There are some issues with Blakes Mead open space issues around dog access/fouling etc. Signage is being made up and will be installed on the MUGA shortly. The fenced area that has become an unofficial dog area is being looked at by Arun District Council.
- Following several weeks of delay due to the bad weather and some snagging that needed to be addressed at the end of last week, the play area has fully re-opened. The ground is still quite wet, and the grass will need to re-establish following the reinstatement works.

A 89. FENCING AT ST. MICHAEL'S ALLOTMENTS

Deferred awaiting quotations.

A 90. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 14th May 18:00

The meeting closed at 6.10 pm.

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