DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 4TH APRIL 2023

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM 21ST MARCH 2023 6.15pm

PRESENT: Councillors: Kevin Watson (Chaired), Anne Barker, George Grundy, Graham Matthews, Jaine Wild Councillors: Gloria Moss (Ex Officio)

A 117. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Cllr Paul English, Cllr David Smart, Cllr Bob Budd

A 118. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

There were no declarations of interest at the outset of the meeting.

A 119. QUESTION TIME FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

A member of the public was present but had no questions.

A 120. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

A 121. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING OF 21ST FEBRUARY 2023:

These minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. These were ratified by Main Council at its meeting on 7th March 2023.

A 122. CLERK'S REPORT:

This had been distributed to all councillors prior to the meeting and the Clerk outlined the contents of the report.

A 123. FELPHAM ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY REPORT:

FAGS had sent in a report which was circulated to all councillors. The annual invoice has been issued to FAGS for 2023/24. A discussion was held with regards to establishing further potential allotment sites. The field between FAGS site and St Michaels Allotments – **Clerk to make enquires as to who own /** tends the land currently

A 124. MONTHLY UPDATE ON LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS:

See Clerk's Report. A discussion was had regarding a potential site for Parking to the rear onf Tesco at KGV where there is current hardstand for event parking. Although access was poor it may be a consideration when any works are considered to the playpark at KGV.

Arun District Council have given permission for two King Charles Coronation Benches at KGV and one at Old Rectory Gardens which they will install at their own expense. Remaining bench – permission sought from WSCC to place this at end of Pennyfields on grassed area in front of Bishop Tufnell School. King Charles III Coronation bench now in place at Blake's Mead and tree plaque ordered for newly planted tree.

A 125. REPORT BY TREE WARDEN

See Clerk's Report. Two additional flowering cherries have been planted in Firs Avenue in partnership with residents.

A 126. POLLINATOR PATHWAY INITIATIVE

Steve Hill from WSCC had sent his apologies as he was unable to attend this evenings meeting as planned. We will reschedule with a hybrid/virtual option or flexibility in day or meeting. The Clerk advised that signage was ready for collection at the print shop **Clerk to contact Steve Hill to rearrange his visit**

A 127. TO AGREE WORKS TO PRoW FP153

CIIr Kevin Watson Proposed, seconded by CIIr Jaine Wild and it was agreed unanimously that the cost of MOT type 1 and MOT type 2 as required could be purchased. The cost falls under any amount required for Main Council ratification and can therefore be ordered when convenient for the working group to proceed. **Clerk to order and contact working group.**

A 128. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN: None

A 129. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 18th April 2023 18:15

The meeting closed at 7 pm

Approved..... Date.....