

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 3RD OCTOBER 2023

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM
12TH SEPTEMBER 2023 6.00pm**

PRESENT: Councillors: Emma Aylward, Antony Bassett, Bob Budd, Jacki Burton, Emma Carrick, Kirsty Halls, Jane Parker, Graham Page, Jules Verhulpen

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

A 21. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Emma Carrick, Martin Harvey, Graham Page

A 22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

None

A 23. QUESTION TIME FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None

A 24. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

A 25. CLERK'S REPORT:

This was shared with councillors and is attached to the minutes.

A member of the public present felt that the response from the Environment Agency was not sufficient and further questions will be forwarded to the Clerk in due course.

A 26. FELPHAM ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY REPORT:

No updates to report.

A 27. MONTHLY UPDATE ON LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS:

No updates to report.

A 28. MEADOW TURF PROJECT

Councillor Jane Park advised councillors that the areas suggested for meadow turf were not owned by Felpham Parish Council and that permissions would need to be sought. Installation and ongoing maintenance costs would also need to be considered.

Councillor Kirsty Halls to identify potential sites.

Clerk to contact Arun District Council Wildflower Officer.

A 29. TREE PLANTING WESTMORLAND DRIVE

Following contact from a resident of Westmorland Drive, the Clerk had previously circulated a quotation from Arundel Arboretum to plant five flowering cherries in Westmorland Drive to replace trees lost due to age/storm damage.

Councillor Bob Budd proposed that the quotation for £500 (£467.67 less VAT) be approved and that the planting proceed. This was seconded by Councillor Rick Parker and unanimously approved.

A 30. SEA CADETS FENCE LINE, LONGBROOK PARK

Councillor Jane Parker advised councillors that works were due to be carried out by Arun District Council this week.

A 31. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN:

None

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 10th October 2023 18:00

The meeting closed at 18.15pm

Approved.....

Date.....

Allotments and Open Spaces Clerk's Report Sep 2023 Minutes

Response from Environment Agency to FOI requests regarding Felpham Pumping Station and seafront signage for bathers

Thank you for your email of 15 August 2023. We respond to requests under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 and Environmental Information Regulations 2004

In answer to your first question, there is no further progress on the future management of Felpham Pumping Station. The project to look at viable options is in a pipeline with many other projects and is unlikely to be looked at for another 2-3 years.

With regards to your second question, it is the responsibility of the local authority to decide what signage is appropriate to inform bathers. Typically, local authorities will place one sign on the main bathing water signage, some local authorities have an electronic sign which automatically updates.

Arun District Council are responsible for signage at Felpham and Bognor bathing waters. They have agreed to participate in the pollution risk warning system and usually they will put warning signs out by 10am if a warning has been forecast for that day. Please contact Arun District Council for details of the signage location.

A.18 Tree at Blakes Mead

Greenwood Plants has been contacted and they advised that the bark of the tree, in the fenced off area by the Community Hall, should be scraped to ascertain whether the branches were green underneath. This was done and the bark was green. It is therefore hoped that the early drought caused the tree to die back and that it may recover in the Spring.