

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 4TH MARCH 2025

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM
11TH FEBRUARY 2025 6.45pm**

PRESENT:

Chair: Councillor Russ Marsden-Sear, Vice Chair: Councillor Bob Budd
Councillors: Antony Bassett, Kirsty Halls,

Councillor: Pat Young (Ex Officio)

A 38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Councillors: Emma Aylward, Martin Harvey, Gloria Moss, Jules Verhulpen

A 39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor Russ Marsden-Sear declared an interest as an allotment holder at FAGS.

A 40. QUESTION TIME FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

Representatives of FAGS attended the meeting to enquire regarding Agenda Item A 45. (see below).

A 41. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

A 42. CLERK'S REPORT:

The Clerk advised councillors that the Conservation Society have now positioned planters in the village outside Gateway Lodge.

**A 43. NOMINATION OF COUNCILLOR GLORIA MOSS TO THE ALLOTMENTS AND
OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE**

Councillor Antony Bassett proposed that Councillor Gloria Moss become a member of the Allotments and Open Spaces Committee. This was seconded by Councillor Kirsty Halls and unanimously agreed.

A 44. MONTHLY UPDATE ON LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS:

A new dog waste bin has been requested to be installed at Felpham Gardens Entrance to King George V.
Hedge laying to commence at Blake's Mead shortly.

A 45. TO AGREE THE 5% ANNUAL ALLOTMENT RENT INCREASE

As per the terms of the current agreement, any increase at FAGS must be negotiated in October. This agreement will be due for renewal in April 2026.
As per the terms of the agreement, Councillor Bob Budd proposed no annual allotment rent increase for FAGS 2025/26. This was seconded by Councillor Kirsty Halls and unanimously agreed.
Councillor Kirsty Halls proposed a 5% increase in the annual allotment rent at St. Michael's Allotments. This was seconded by Councillor Bob Budd and unanimously agreed.

A 46. BAT BOXES ST. MICHAEL'S ISLAND

The Clerk confirmed that the bat boxes have been delivered to the office and that The Conservation Society has kindly agreed to put these up.

A 47. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN:

Councillor Russ Marsden-Sear reported on the recent visit to St. Michael's Island.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: Tuesday 20th May 2025 18:45

Approved.....

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