

DRAFT SUBJECT TO APPROVAL OF MAIN COUNCIL ON 2nd JULY 2019.

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE
HELD AT FELPHAM COMMUNITY HALL FELPHAM
18th JUNE 2019**

PRESENT: Councillors: P English, G Grundy, Mrs J Wild, Mrs G Moss, Miss A Barker,
& G Matthews,

Geraldine Whitehead – FAGS representative.

Steve Alderton – Tree Warden.

A 19. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Apologies had been received from Councillors D Smart & M Rumsey.

Apologies had been received from Glenn Powell - FVCS & St Michael's
Allotment Site representative & John Austin – FAGS representative.

A 20. ABSENCE WITHOUT APOLOGIES:

There were no absences without apology.

A 21. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN:

Councillor P English was nominated by Councillor Mrs G Moss, this was
seconded by Councillor Miss Anne Barker. There were no other nominations
received.

**On a unanimous vote Councillor P English was duly elected as the
Vice-Chairman of this Committee for municipal year 2019/20.**

A 22. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

A 23. QUESTION TIME:

There were no members of the public present and therefore no questions or
issues raised.

A 24. CORRESPONDENCE/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- (a) The Committee was asked if it wished to continue the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) membership, costing £36.00 annually. After discussion **It was RESOLVED that** the membership be discontinued.

There was no other correspondence to report.

A 25. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE ALLOTMENTS & OPEN SPACES COMMITTEE MEETING 28th MAY 2019:

These minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record. These had already been ratified by Main Council at its meeting of 4th June 2019.

A 26. MATTERS ARISING:

There were no other matters arising, that had not already been reported to Main Council on 4th June 2019.

A 27. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT JWAAC MEETING – 28th NOVEMBER 2019:

There were no proposals at this time, only those that were already on the agenda.

A 28. FELPHAM ALLOTMENTS AND GARDENS SOCIETY REPORT:

Geraldine Whitehead of FAGS were in attendance and reported the following:

- There are no vacant plots at present apart from the one being held due to mare's tails. The waiting list has 6 Felpham residents, 7 deferred start, 1 plot holders request and 24 non Felpham residents.
- There was a work party on June 1st and as well as a general tidy up of communal spaces the mare's tail plot was cleared of all non-organic items to be ready for tackling the weed problem. The 'weed group' are using a 'no dig' weed control on one part of it as an experiment. The rest will be treated with weed killer as soon as we have a rain free period, as a start to controlling the mare's tails.
- We opened the allotments on June 8th as part of the 'Felpham Open Gardens'. The weather was not very welcoming being cloudy, windy and quite cold, but we

did have a dozen or so visitors who came to see what we do and chat about the benefits and problems of growing your own veg.

- Most plots have a fine array of plants growing well (due to the long awaited rain), and many are starting to produce the very welcome edibles. The crop of broad beans and strawberries are a lovely start to the 'eat your own' season and the runners are heading for the top of the poles and will soon be filling our freezers as well as our dinner plates, along with all the summer salad crops.
- Of course as gardeners we must complain about something and along with the pigeons, slugs, snails and aphids which eat our coveted plants as soon as they poke their noses out of the soil, we could complain that we have probably had enough rain for a while and we would like a bit more sun!

Geraldine wanted to thank the FVCS for their thank you letter for the all the help at the St Michael's working party. Councillor Mrs J Wild asked Geraldine if FAGS still did 'best plot' and other awards – Geraldine confirmed that they did. Councillor P English enquired whether St Michael's should re-instate this also.

A 29. ST MICHAEL'S ALLOTMENT SITE REPORT:

(i) Report from FVCS Representative (Glenn Powell):

- Baskets in Felpham village are looking good and no problems reported. They will come down late October/Early November depending on weather.
- Grass mowing is being done regularly and the whole site is looking good. Most plots are in good order. A couple are struggling. The problem with these is that the weeds seed over other plots. We probably need another inspection mostly to encourage the good work rather than to criticise the poor work.
- Now the Orchard trees are growing, we have staked them out using Hazel cut from the on-site Hazel trees.
- FVCS would like to spend the takings from the Plant sale on daffodils and bulbs for the St Michael's perimeter.
- The new bee keepers are doing fine and now have four hives making seven in all. We have offered to help clear the back beekeeping area which has become very overgrown. We need to do this under supervision of the beekeepers. July work party.
- An FVCS member donated a raised bed frame and we have used this to plant flowers next to the beach hut.

- We remain vigilant against travellers and note all the Felpham Parish Council advance warnings. Everyone is maintaining the gate closed policy.
- We are planning a work party for the third Saturday in July. To clear the back area and plant bulbs.
- Our resident cygnets are doing well. It's been amazing to see them hatch and grow and reflects the special nature of this plot by the Rife.

A 30. FACILITIES CONDITION REPORT:

Drygrounds Lane – no visit made since last meeting – a check to make sure all clear of vegetation discardment.

Planters – all in a good condition.

Binsted Avenue pond area – still awaiting contact/further update information back from Paul Cann & Sue Furlong. Admin Asst to telephone Paul Cann to enquire regarding No 28 Binsted Avenue – Deeds / Land Registry and access to the gate etc. – when did this change - and to ensure residents have the correct insurance against flooding.

Grassmere Parade - remains in a clean and tidy condition.

Fisherman's Gardens – recently tidied and maintained by Bognor Regis Town Force.

A 31. IMPROVEMENTS TO STREET SCENE AND OPEN SPACES REVIEW.

(a) Work In Progress.

<i>Item</i>	<i>Current status</i>	<i>Action</i>
<i>Allotments general</i>	<i>Press for additional allotment sites in north of Parish.</i>	<i>Liaise with ADC as and when possible sites are identified. This is perceived as a long term proposal and possible unlikely to occur.</i>
<i>Binsted Pond area</i>	<i>Potential encroachment by builders</i>	<i>Extend hedge</i>
<i>Further Allotment Sites</i>	<i>Identification and approach to landowners etc with regard to area earmarked for school on Site 6 proposal and land above Downview school</i>	<i>Currently WSCC are carrying out the process for inviting proposals/interest for a new school.</i>

King George V Playing Fields	Management Plan prepared by ADC	<i>Management Plan for 2014-2024 received by Council.</i>
Longbrook Park	General improvements and possible vegetated shingle project.	<i>Management Plan for 2012-2022 received by Council.</i>
Fisherman's Gardens & The Lobster Pot Area	All in a state of good repair	<i>Ongoing</i>

A 32. LONGBROOK PARK, KING GEORGE V & OLD RECTORY GARDENS UPDATES:

King George V & Longbrook Parks – Neil O'Connor from ADC, had reported that all was quiet at the time of his report, unfortunately travellers had broken in through Felpham Way and although now gone, a lot of mess from horses running wild on the field and rubbish had been left on King George V playing field.

Anthony Baker of ADC – no report received.

Andy Camp of the Snook's Corner Community had reported the following:

"Members of the Snook's Corner Community Group have received several compliments from members of the public for the boat that has been installed next to the old toilet block at the end of Sea Road. Due to the recent warm and wet weather, weeds have appeared in their thousands in the area around the boat and work is underway to remove as many as possible. However, there is a fantastic display of poppies and other wild flowers such as cornflowers (from seeds scattered by Arundel and also by SCCG in previous years) - so great care is being taken to ensure that these are not being pulled out!

Members of SCCG assisted FCVS members to put up the hanging baskets in Sea Road.

Members of SCCG have made some noticeable progress in tidying up the shale area in Longbrook Park. Our intention is to plant some more species during the Autumn.

Our regular litter pick in Longbrook Park took place at the beginning of June".

Old Rectory Gardens – James Jones-McFarland of ADC – no report received

A 33. TREES: REPORT BY TREE WARDEN:

Steve Alderton was in attendance and advised the meeting that a few dead trees had been replaced. Steve to contact Mark Warwick at Arun to discuss possible help for himself and Rohan on the larger trees.

A 34. MATTERS OF URGENT PUBLIC IMPORTANCE – PREVIOUSLY AGREED WITH THE CHAIRMAN:

There were no matters of urgent public importance.

A 35. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 16th JULY 2019.

The meeting closed at 7:15p.m.

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