

# FAREHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel (to be confirmed at the next meeting)

**Date:** Thursday, 21 March 2024

**Venue:** Collingwood Room - Civic Offices

**PRESENT:**

**Councillor** Miss T G Harper (Chairman)

**Councillor** Mrs P Hayre (Vice-Chairman)

**Councillors:** Ms C Bainbridge, Mrs L E Clubley, J M Englefield,  
Mrs C L A Hockley and Mrs K Mandry

**Also Present:** Councillors Mrs K K Trott (for item 7) and I Bastable (for item 9)



**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.

**2. MINUTES**

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 25 January 2024 be confirmed and signed as a correct record.

**3. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no Chairman's announcements.

**4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISCLOSURES OF ADVICE OR DIRECTIONS**

Councillor J M Englefield declared a pecuniary interest in item 8 on the agenda as he leases an allotment in Locks Heath. He remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion of the item as the report was for noting only and no decisions were taken by the Panel.

**5. DEPUTATIONS**

There were no deputations made at this meeting.

**6. EXECUTIVE BUSINESS**

**(1) Introducing Simpler Recycling in Fareham**

There were no comments or questions for clarification in respect of this item.

**7. MOTION: PROSTATE CANCER UK'S 'BINS FOR BOYS' CAMPAIGN**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor Mrs K K Trott addressed the Panel on this item.

The Panel considered a report by the Director of Neighbourhoods which outlined the Council's current provision of sanitary waste bins in male public toilets across the Council's own buildings. The report also set out the implications of supporting the Motion presented to Council by Councillor Mrs K K Trott on 14 December 2023 in respect of Prostate Cancer UK's 'Bins for Boys' campaign.

Members were supportive of the current trial that is being undertaken and discussed the need to ensure that the publicity surrounding the Council's position is timely and appropriate.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel:

- (a) notes that the current trial, as detailed at paragraph 10 of the report, will be continued for a period of 12 months;

(b) notes that a further report will be brought forward for consideration once the results of the trial are known; and

(c) recommends that points 2, 3 and 4 of the motion, as detailed at paragraph 1 of the report, be taken forward.

## **8. ALLOTMENTS UPDATE**

Councillor J M Englefield declared a pecuniary interest in this item as he leases an allotment in Locks Heath. He remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion of this item as the report was for noting only and no decisions were taken by the Panel.

The Panel received a presentation by the Public Spaces Operations Manager which provided information for members on the current allotment provision within Fareham, site management arrangements and updated waiting list numbers. A copy of the presentation slides is attached at Appendix A to these minutes.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel notes the content of the presentation.

## **9. STREETSCENE SCRUTINY PANEL PRIORITIES**

At the invitation of the Chairman, Councillor I J Bastable, Executive Member for Streetscene, addressed the Panel on this item.

In discussing the scrutiny priorities for the Panel, it was agreed that a comprehensive update on the provision of facilities and enforcement performance in respect of dog fouling and graffiti be added to the scrutiny priorities for a future meeting of the Panel.

RESOLVED that the Streetscene Scrutiny Panel reviewed the priorities for the Panel.

(The meeting started at 6.01 pm  
and ended at 6.55 pm).

..... Chairman

..... Date



# ALLOTMENT PROVISION IN FAREHAM

Mick Gore  
Public Spaces Operations Manager

# Allotments

- 14 allotment sites
- 10 sites on FBC owned land
- 4 sites on privately managed land

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Five Allotment Associations covering Fareham, Portchester, Titchfield and the Western Wards (Locks Heath, Sarisbury, and Warsash)



# Fareham Allotments and Garden Association

| Site                              | Ownership | Plots | Waiting | Average Wait |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|-------|---------|--------------|
| The Gillies                       | FBC       | 171   | 8       | 3-4 months   |
| Salterns Lane                     | FBC       | 31    | 12      | 12-18 months |
| Stroud Green<br>Lane, Stubbington | FBC       | 53    | 74      | 7-10 years   |
| Wickham Road                      | FBC       | 182   | 6       | 4-5 months   |

# Portchester Allotment Holders and Affiliated Gardeners Association

| Site        | Ownership | Plots | Waiting | Average   |
|-------------|-----------|-------|---------|-----------|
| Red Barn    | FBC       | 90    | 2       | 4-6 weeks |
| Roman Grove | FBC       | 190   | 0       | 4-6 weeks |



# Western Wards Allotment Association

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| Site            | Ownership               | Plots | Waiting | Average  |
|-----------------|-------------------------|-------|---------|----------|
| Sarisbury Green | FBC                     | 111   | 21      | 1 year   |
| Hunts Pond Road | FBC                     | 246   | 4       | 6 months |
| Lodge Road      | FBC                     | 28    | 0       | No wait  |
| Posbrook Lane   | Private (church rented) | 40    | 0       | No wait  |
| Warsash Road    | FBC                     | 100   | 0       | 3 months |

# Village Allotments Society Titchfield

| Site        | Ownership | Plots | Waiting        | Average |
|-------------|-----------|-------|----------------|---------|
| Mill Street | Private   | 31    | 7              |         |
| West Street | Private   | 16    | Included above |         |

# Titchfield Allotment Association

| Site             | Ownership | Plots | Waiting | Average |
|------------------|-----------|-------|---------|---------|
| Segensworth Road | Private   | N/A   | N/A     | N/A     |

# Demand Data

- 1,202 plots available on FBC owned land
- Over 100 plots in private ownership
- Average waiting time on most FBC owned plots is 5 months (15 months including Stroud Green)
- 53 people on the waiting lists across most of the 3 main associations (127 including Stroud Green)
- Average number waiting on FBC owned sites is 13





# Supply and Management

- Plot numbers and waiting lists change regularly
  - Plots can vary in size between 2.5 rods and 15 rods. 10 rods is approximately 250sqm
  - Large plots can be sub-divided to provide more allotments
- Allotment Associations are responsible for:
- management and maintenance of the sites
  - internal décor of Council owned buildings
  - all associated utility bills
- The Council is responsible for:
- structural repairs and external decoration to all Council owned buildings
  - any significant works such as major subsidence or significant site layout changes



# Stubbington Allotment Provision

- Only 1 small site, Stroud Green, is available to serve the community of Stubbington
- Long waiting list
- Attempts to secure appropriate additional land in the area have been unsuccessful to date
  - Residents objected to the use of the adjacent open space to extend the existing site
  - Land near Daedalus was deemed too expensive
- New allotment provision is planned for the Longfield Avenue development north of Stubbington with good access from the Stubbington & Hill Head Wards. The proposal is currently at Outline Application stage.

