

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 10th
FEBRUARY 2015
VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM,
DOULTING @ 9.15am**

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| | | Present: Ann Crowcombe, Barry Clarke, David Kimber, Emma Hill, Mary Newman, Margaret Hares; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk) | |
| | 1 | <u>Apologies for absence.</u> None. | |
| | 2 | <u>Public Forum:</u> The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. No members of the public were present. | |
| | 3 | <u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None. | |
| | 4 | <u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 11 th November 2014 were agreed and signed as a true record with a minor amendment to add the words “and school” into item 6. | |
| | 5 | <u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Stones to boules court and other works: in hand, it was hoped that delivery would be made within the next few weeks. | |
| | 6 | <u>Working Group Report:</u> a: List of volunteer and working party jobs. Mary Newman had prepared a list of works (attached to these minutes) b: Brambles and Japanese knotweed – it was agreed to treat the brambles as a priority and to use the weed-killer device as necessary; the next working party to concentrate on bramble clearance. c: Date of next Working Party – 25 th March @ 9.15am. d: Any other items raised: i) There was a problem with tree ties breaking and some additional staking was required using stakes already obtained. ii) School children to be invited to assist during the half term period. | |

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| | | iii) Mary Newman to speak to Chris Brown about the best way to deal with the knotweed. | |
| 7 | | <p><u>General and Specific Maintenance:</u></p> <p>a: Repairs to football wall and fencing – George Knapp had agreed to carry out the repairs and it was agreed to reimburse any costs if required.</p> <p>b: Graffiti to skate park – to be deal with later in the year.</p> <p>c: Removal of grid bar in skate park- Alan Butcher has a generator and angle grinder and will liaise with David Kimber and Barry Clarke over the removal.</p> <p>d: Additional Playwall provision – it was agreed to put this item in abeyance.</p> <p>e: Maintenance in and around the enclosure – the mowing of the area below the tables to be restricted to one cut in spring and one in July to encourage the area as a “lowland meadow”.</p> <p>f: Re-staking silver birches – see above.</p> <p>g: Part up-rooted conifer, other conifers and log pile creation – George Knapp to cut down one conifer and log pile to be created in an agreed location in the near future. Other trees to be “lightened” to prevent leaning and the possibility of planting additional trees was discussed.</p> <p>h: Spare keys – Margaret Hares had obtained the key; the cost was reimbursed by the clerk.</p> <p>i: Any other items raised – Advice to be sought from SWT regarding the cutting back of trees shading various areas; the removal of invasive plants to be considered/actioned; the shrub growing over the path to the skate park to be cut back.</p> | |
| 8 | | <p><u>Review of signs:</u></p> <p>a: Budget for signs – quotes had been received from two sign companies; Arien Signs from Cheddar were the most competitive. The following signs will be required:</p> <p>1 x Skate Park sign (A3)</p> <p>2 x Internal Thank You sign (A3)</p> <p>2 x Entrance sign (1xA3, 1xA4)</p> <p>1 x Contact Sign (1xA4)</p> <p>4 x No Dog signs</p> <p>Signs to be mounted onto good quality backing boards.</p> <p>A total budget of £400 to be recommended to the Parish Council.</p> <p>Clerk to speak to Arien Signs and final details and typeface to be agreed.</p> | |

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| | | b: Erection of Lectern sign – The meeting thanked David Crowcombe for erecting the Lectern Sign. | |
| | 9 | <u>Financial:</u> a: Matters raised for consideration by Parish Council. i) Budget for replacement signs. | |
| | 10 | <u>St Aldhelms School & The Glebeland.</u> Mary Newman noted that the school council had agreed that there would be an environmental project with pupils giving ideas on environmental enrichment. | |
| | 11 | <u>Matters of Report</u> Plantlife would not be including the Glebeland in future surveys and it was agreed not to renew the subscription when it became due. The possibility of a link with SWT to be considered. | |
| | 12 | <u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> The next meeting to be on 8 th April 2015, 9.15 at St Aldhelms School Community Room. | |

The meeting closed at 10.45am

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