

**DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

<p><b>MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> JULY 2015 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: ST ALDHELMS SCHOOL COMMUNITY ROOM, DOULTING @ 9.15am</b></p>		
		Present: Ann Crowcombe (Chair), Barry Clarke, Mary Newman, Emma Hill, Margaret Hares, David Kimber and 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 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2015 were agreed and signed as a true record.
	5	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Stones to boules court. The stones had been chosen and would be delivered free of charge. Mary to ask John Shepherd if he could provide a suitable machine to move the stones into place.
	6	<u>Working Group Report:</u> a: List of volunteer and working party jobs. Mary reported that stone in the skate park had been damaged and required clearing away. She also reported that brambles needed cutting back in various places and the further weed-killing was required to previously treated areas. b: Japanese knotweed – this was growing into the skate park from the corner of the school/village hall car park. It would be possible for the committee to help out financially for the clearance of the areas within the skate park. c: Date of next Working Party – 22 <sup>nd</sup> July. d: Any other items raised: i) Some trees will need to be cut back in the autumn. ii) Advice to be sought from a Dr Chris Smith who would make one visit free of charge to advise on conservation and meadowland within the Glebeland.

		iii) It was agreed to combine agenda items 6 and 7 as necessary to avoid duplication.	
	7	<p><u>General and Specific Maintenance:</u></p> <p>a: Repairs to football wall and fencing – to be reviewed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July. It was suggested that George Knapp should be invited to come along on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</p> <p>b: Graffiti to skate park – to be dealt with on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</p> <p>c: Removal of grid bar in skate park – to be dealt with on 22<sup>nd</sup> July</p> <p>d: Maintenance in and around the enclosure – it was noted that there was areas of yellow spray paint around the area, this could be marking paint which should disappear within a few weeks.</p> <p>e: Re-staking silver birches</p> <p>f: Part up-rooted conifer, other conifers and log pile creation – items e and f to be held over until the autumn.</p> <p>g: Grass dumping – Mary to speak to residents of Carey Close to advise about grass dumping in the Glebeland.</p> <p>i: Damage to school drive boundary fencing – this fence was believed to belong to the school, Mary to check on ownership.</p> <p>j: Use of weedkiller – it was generally agreed the the use of weedkiller should be restricted whenever possible.</p> <p>k: Outdoor table tennis- there was a general discussion on the merits of installing an outdoor table and it was agreed not to proceed with this until the stones were in place and the use of the area reviewed.</p> <p>l: Replacement of picnic tables – these were in need of replacement and suitable new tables had been identified. These came from Valley Sawmills and would cost £240 incl VAT per table following a discount negotiated by John Shepherd. It was agreed to recommend purchase of the tables to the Parish Council.</p>	
	8	<p><u>Review of signs:</u></p> <p>a: New Signs – the clerk had been unable to progress the finalisation of the new signs with Arien Signs and apologised for the lack of progress. It was agreed that details should be passed to Ann in order that the style and font of the signs could be discussed and matched with the lectern sign recently erected.</p>	
	9	<p><u>General Glebeland Matters:</u></p> <p>a: Inappropriate activities – Mary was concerned about local children using the park and not understanding the ethos of the various areas.</p>	

		<p>It was agreed that children should be advised on the reasons why various areas of the park were as they were.</p> <p>b: Covenant covering the Glebeland – Mary was concerned that a suggestion that events proposed in the Glebeland where drinks or snacks might be sold would infringe the covenant covering the land. It was agreed that rather than have the drinks on sale a donation might be requested.</p> <p>c: Summer holiday activities – it was suggested that the proposed “bug hotel” could be a summer project for local children.</p> <p>d: Concern was expressed about “dog pooh” being placed in the litter bin rather than the dog bin near the main road. It was suggested that a new dog bin be provided within the Glebeland, position to be agreed on 22<sup>nd</sup> July.</p>	
	10	<p><u>Financial:</u></p> <p>a: Matters raised for consideration by Parish Council.</p> <p>b: Purchase of new picnic tables at a cost of £720.00</p> <p>c: Purchase of a new dog bin at an approximate cost of £100.00</p>	
	11	<p><u>Matters of Report:</u> Margaret reported that she had recorded a number of interesting plants in uncut areas of the Glebeland.</p>	
	12	<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u></p> <p>30<sup>th</sup> September 2015 @ 9.15pm – venue to be confirmed.</p>	

The meeting closed at 10.45am

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