

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

| <p align="center">MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 31st OCTOBER 2017 VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 10am</p> | | |
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| | <p><u>Present:</u> Ann Crowcombe (Chair), Mary Newman, Margaret Hares, Emma Hill; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)</p> | |
| G17/31 | <p><u>Apologies for absence.</u> Barry Clarke</p> | |
| G17/32 | <p><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.</p> | |
| G17/33 | <p><u>Declarations of Interest:</u> None.</p> | |
| G17/34 | <p><u>Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:</u> Minutes of the meeting held on 4th July 2017 were agreed and signed as a true record.</p> | |
| G17/35 | <p><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting:</u> a: Volunteer recruitment – Ann had attended a social group meeting and a number of volunteers had attended the last working party. It was noted that volunteers could be called upon for help as required.</p> | |
| G17/36 | <p><u>Working Group Report:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Brambles and Japanese knotweed. Some knotweed had been sprayed but further spraying was required. Mary to speak to Chris Brown. It was agreed to tackle the brambles at the next working party and to look at the brambles growing in the “tump” area. b. Trees – it was agreed to remove a number of self-seeded trees from various areas; the cherries along the fence to be checked before removal. Waste to be chopped up ready for removal. c. Hedgehogs. It was noted that there could be badgers digging within the area which would be detrimental to hedgehogs. It was agreed to remove the item from the agenda. d. Hedges, fencing and gates. It was noted that a section of the new fence had been deliberately cut although the culprit or reason for cutting was unknown. Also, the gate which had been left open for cattle had been secured closed. It was hoped that the cattle could be allowed back into the area in the spring. A notice to be placed at that time to explain the reason for the cattle and repairs are required to the fencing, Mary to speak to Ollie. e. Repairs and maintenance items for 2017/18. The question of the padlocks and keys had been resolved although it was noted that a rogue lock had been put of the main gate and had to be cut off. The hedge at the end of the coral needs to be laid; Geoff Buzzard to be contacted about this. | |

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| | <p>John Shepherd to move table from stone area. In the skate board park some areas of the surfacing require attention; there is corrosion on some of the ramps and rails and the padlock has no key and requires replacing. Clerk to check manufacturer of equipment and condition of ramps where corrosion is reported.</p> <p>f. Grass cutting for 2017 – this is currently in hand, the extent has been agreed with Chris Brown by Margaret and Mary. Attention needs to be paid to the area under the fence behind Carey Close.</p> <p>g. Volunteer and working party jobs. Overgrowth of the north side footpath needs to be removed as does the buddleia behind Carey Close.</p> <p>h. Fixed date for working parties – It was agreed to set fixed dates for the next three months working parties and post a suitable notice which would also give contact details for Mary in case volunteers wished to check dates, etc. The dates agreed were (all Saturdays @ 10am) – 4th November, 25th November, 20th January 2018.</p> <p>i. Skate park works – grid bar and graffiti- Regular users of the park had advised that no alterations were required to the bar. New graffiti was noted but does not require removal with the exception of some “rude” words on the side of the ramp.</p> | |
| G17/37 | <p><u>General Glebeland Matters:</u> a: Continuing problems with blocking of access gateway. Mary agreed to speak to the car owner although Margaret advised that the gate was still accessible even with the car parked at the corner. b: Dog fouling – Mary had removed some material from the area but it was not a huge problem in the Glebeland. The main problem was on village pavements.</p> | |
| G17/38 | <p><u>Financial:</u> a: Matters raised for consideration by Parish Council. The question of repairs to the skate park to be discussed and a budget set at the next PC meeting.</p> | |
| G17/39 | <p><u>Matters of Report</u> None.</p> | |
| G17/40 | <p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting:</u> 30th January 2018, 10am at Doultling Village Hall.</p> | |

The meeting closed at 10.50am

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