

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 14th JANUARY 2020

VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: DOULTING VILLAGE HALL, DOULTING @ 10am

Present: Ann Crowcombe, Mary Newman, Margaret Hares, Jan Crewe; Alan Butcher (Clerk)

Apologies for absence. Emma Hill.

Public Forum: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. No members of the public were present.

Declarations of Interest:

None.

Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:

Minutes of the meeting held on 24th September 2019 were agreed and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising from the Minutes of the previous meeting: None.

Working Group Report:

i) Skate park works:

New Lock for gate. This was in hand with Mary.

Asphalt repairs. The clerk reported that a quote of £600 had been received; it was agreed to recommend to the Parish Council that this be accepted.

It was noted that the access to the Glebeland needs to be kept clear; Jan to post a flyer in the Parish Newsletter.

ii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed

Brambles to be cleared away in the skate park and other areas before new growth starts. Also brambles to be cleared from inside of the Carey Close wall.

Currently there was no sign of knotweed; a watching brief to be kept.

iii) Trees

Tree Guards and stakes. It was agreed to seek advice on the use of the guards; it was also agreed to consider the use of "reusable" guards.

Suggested works to trees by an outside contractor. It was agreed to seek advice from an expert on which trees should be removed, a local expert was suggested. Concern was expressed about retaining the the upland grass habitat.

Ash die back disease. Further information to be sought on this matter, there was concern about the consequences of trees falling in public areas and it was agreed that any suspect tree should be removed.

Concern was also expressed about damage to trees by deer

iv) Hedges, fencing and gates.

Fencing to corral – in hand when the weather improves.

It was suggested the the western fence should be laid in 2021.

It was noted that the northern fence has a section missing, it was agreed that this could be left but that a check needed to be made on the sheep wire now laying on the ground.

- v) Repairs and maintenance items for 2020:
The tarmac repairs to the skate park to be carried out as above.
Preservative to be completed to the tables, etc.
- vi) Grass cutting – there was a need to consider future grass cutting for 2020. Mary to speak to SM Landscapes about outstanding jobs.
- vii) Volunteer and working party jobs:
Remove saplings around corral fence and playwall. This was ongoing.
Lower young tree growing along the fence of 8 Carey Close. This was in hand.
Remove hawthorn saplings and clear path areas. This was in hand.
Cut back hedge in dogleg area. This was in hand but required suitable agricultural equipment to complete and shred arisings.
Two low branches to be removed – Mary to speak to volunteers to remove.
Path to north side needs clearing.
- viii) Dates for working parties: 4th February @ 1.45pm or 11th February as an alternative.

Financial:

- i) Matters raised for consideration by Parish Council.
Recommendation for tarmac repairs at £600.00

Matters of Report None.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Tuesday 14th April 2020, 10am at Doultling Village Hall – Mary to book.

The meeting closed at 10.50pm

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