

## **DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL**

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting

### **MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JANUARY 2026**

#### **VENUE AND TIME OF THE MEETING: COMMUNITY ROOM, DOULTING @ 10am**

**Present:** Simon Baker (Chair), Emma Hill, Leslie Tyson and Mary Newman; also in attendance Cllr Jan Crewe and Alan Butcher (Clerk)

- 1) Apologies for absence. Margaret Hares.
- 2) Public Forum: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Cllr Crewe spoke about a proposed social event under item 5.
- 3) Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 4) Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:  
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> November 2025 be agreed as a true record. This was so agreed, all in favour and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters for discussion:
  - i) Glebeland Events – K9 Kapers. Cllr Crewe outlined a proposal to host an event involving local dog owners and their dogs in the coral area of the Glebeland where dogs are not normally allowed. The event was provisionally set for 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026. This would be a one-off event which one be advertised as such with activities and a hog roast planned. The Glebeland rules currently state that dogs should be on a lead and kept away from the central area (coral). Additionally, the restrictions (attached) do not allow restriction of access to the Glebeland by use of tickets or other access control. Mary expressed concerns and was against the event and the possible implications for litter and dog fouling. Emma noted that the coral fence was erected to prevent access for dogs into an area used by children and families. Leslie was in favour of allowing the event. The chairman called for a vote on the proposal, which was tied 2 in favour, two against. It was agreed to take the matter to the next Parish Council meeting. Clerk to circulate details of restrictions and covenants.
  - ii) Skate Park refurbishment. Simon had made contact with a Bristol based skate park company and an interested villager and would report back with details which could also include a new access to the park. Leslie was concerned about the cost of any proposals and also the usage of the park noting it was not in a prominent location. Simon noted the advantage of the proposed new access from the car park.

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- iii) Buddleia, Brambles and Japanese knotweed. It was noted that a yew tree near the coral was engulfed with buddleia which needed serious cutting back.  
Brambles were also spreading in the old boules area and needed pulling up rather than cutting back.
- iv) Trees including additional works agreed. These works had been completed. Some felled timber had been left for removal, Simon and Mary to carry out site visit to discuss options.  
Leslie requested a map or plan of the Glebeland, Simon to source and bring to the next meeting.
- v) Hedges, fencing and gates. This matter remained in hand.
- vi) Repairs and maintenance items. A list to be prepared before spring growth obscured any works.
- vii) Review of grass cutting and regular maintenance. Clerk to circulate current works list for review at the next meeting.
- viii) Volunteer and working party jobs: There was a discussion about the need for more younger volunteers, Facebook to be used to advertise the need for volunteers. There was a suggestion that a paid person could carry out works on a regular basis.

### 6) Financial:

Items for consideration by Parish Council. Information to be prepared for the March Parish Council meeting.

### 7) Matters of Report:

Mary raised the matter of the possible renaming of the Glebeland to the Glebeland Community Nature Area. This matter to be discussed as an agenda item at the next meeting and a recommendation passed to the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 11.10am

### 8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026 @ 10am

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