

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 13th NOVEMBER 2024

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

Present: Simon Baker (Chair), Mary Newman, Margaret Hares, Emma Hill and Alan Butcher (Clerk)

- 1) Apologies for absence. Lyn Knight.
- 2) 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.
- 3) Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 4) Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2024 be agreed as a true record.
This was so agreed and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters for discussion:
 - i) Glebeland Events. No events planned.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment. It was agreed to investigate local specialist advice in order to formulate proposals for the refurbishment.
 - iii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed. No knotweed was reported. A number of areas of brambles had been identified for removal by volunteers.
 - iv) Buddleia. A large plant by the Yew Tree needed cutting down.
 - v) Trees including tree survey.
 - a) The clerk confirmed that this would be taking place on 22nd November.
 - b) It was confirmed that JK Tree Services would be on site to carry out their quoted works on 19th December.
 - vi) Hedges, fencing and gates.
 - a) Hedge laying. The clerk had met with the hedge layer before the meeting. He had given a price of £300 and would do the works before Christmas. He would leave the “brash” on site. A commercial chipper would be required to deal with this. It was suggested that JK Tree Services could be asked to deal with this when they were on site. Clerk to enquire.
 - b) Corral fencing. Other types of fencing which could be cheaper to install were discussed but no decision made.
 - vii) Repairs and maintenance items for 2025. Proposals to be prepared for the next meeting.
 - viii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape. The previous cut had been carried out in wet conditions and had not been entirely successful. The contractor was on site today (13th Nov) and it was anticipated that this cut would be more successful. It was noted that the cut did not deal with grass, etc growing next to fencing.
 - ix) Glebeland photos. No further photos had been taken and it was agreed to drop this item from the agenda.

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- x) Volunteer and working party jobs: Mary had organised a working party for Saturday 23rd November 2024 and had an extensive list of jobs to be done by volunteers.

6) Financial:

Items for consideration by Parish Council. Confirmation of the hedge laying cost of £300 to be requested at the meeting on 20th November 2024.

7) Matters of Report

Nothing reported.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45am

8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 8th January 2025 @ 10am.

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14th November 2024
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