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DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 8th JANUARY 2025 AT THE COMMUNITY ROOM, DOULTING @ 10am

Present: Simon Baker (Chair), Mary Newman, Alan Butcher (Clerk)

- 1) Apologies for absence. Margaret Hares and Emma Hill.
- 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 13th November 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. A Hog roast and other summer events were mentioned.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment There was still a need to locate a suitable consultant to provide ideas and costs for the refurbishment.
 - iii) Buddleia, Brambles and Japanese knotweed. Mary noted two buddleia which needed cutting back and various locations where brambles needed to be cut back and removed. The waste would need to be shredded.
 - iv) Trees including actions from tree survey. The clerk outlined the immediate actions suggested in the tree survey. This included the removal of a storm damaged tree and the pollarding of the willow in the NE corner which could fall into the road. Future works would include three ash trees and other proposals included in the tree survey. The existence of several dead ash trees in the adjoining wood which could fall across the north path was noted.
 - v) Hedges, fencing and gates. The hedge laying had been completed and Cllr Shepherd was in the process of removing the brash, he had already removed the old wire fencing but the ground was too wet to remove the brash. He had also re-erected the blown over section of fencing near the access gate for which he was thanked. Cllr Shepherd was also inspecting the blown over play-wall and would report back to the Parish Council.
 - vi) Repairs and maintenance items for 2025 including repairs to storm damage. Simon and Mary to meet separately to prepare in list for 2025.
 - vii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape. The outcome of the 2024 season grass cutting was discussed and suggestions made for the 2025 cut. It was suggested that a meeting should be arranged with SM Landscape to discuss these.
 - viii) Volunteer and working party jobs: see vi above.
- 6) Financial:
Items for consideration by Parish Council for 2025/2026 budget. A budget cost of £2000 was proposed for the immediate tree works and £3000 for future tree works.
- 7) Matters of Report: None – the meeting closed at 10.50am
- 8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: **provisionally 19th February 2025**

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