

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH 2025

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

Present: Cllr Simon Baker (Chair), Emma Hill, Mary Newman 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. 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 8TH January 2025 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 further events had been notified beyond those noted at the last meeting.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment. Advice and suggestions for the refurbishment were still required but someone experienced with skate park design had yet to be appointed. The clerk mentioned a suggestion at the last parish council meeting for benches to be placed in the skate park area. Simon spoke about the possibility of forming an entrance to the skate park from the adjoining car park which, almost other benefits, would allow for easy wheelchair access. Simon to raise this at the forthcoming parish council meeting.
 - iii) Buddleia, Brambles and Japanese knotweed. Mary and Emma reported that some buddleia had been removed and shredded and that some brambles had been cut back with another session required to clear paths of brambles. There was no current evidence of knotweed.

- iv) Trees including actions from tree survey and quotations for proposed tree works. The clerk circulated a summary of quotations received noting that two of the quotations for the Glebeland works were very close. It was agreed to recommend to the parish council that the lowest quote from Tibbs Trees for the Glebeland be accepted. The quotes for the works at Well Lane differed in that one of the quotes included the felling of an ash tree whilst the other did not. The clerk to raise this with JK Trees and ask for them to look at the need and cost for felling the ash tree. The clerk had sent enquiries out to three companies but only two had submitted a meaningful quotation.
- v) Hedges, fencing and gates. Works to replace the playwall had been held up due to poor ground conditions. It was noted that, currently, fencing works were being carried out on a repair only basis. It was agreed to purchase a coded padlock for the main gate, Simon to organise.
- vi) Repairs and maintenance items for 2025 including repairs to storm damage. See above.
- vii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape. Mary had spoken to SM Landscape about grass cutting and would speak to him again about grass cutting around the mound.
- viii) Volunteer and working party jobs: Mary to organise when volunteers are available.

6) Financial:

Items for consideration by Parish Council. Works to trees as per quotations received and the meetings recommendations to be ratified.

7) Matters of Report. No matters were raised.

8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 14th May 2025.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45am

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