

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 10th APRIL 2024

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

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

- 1) Apologies for absence. Margaret Hares, Becky Leyton and Lyn Knight.
- 2) Public Forum: The Chairman will adjourn the meeting for a maximum of 10 minutes to allow public participation. Three members of the public were present. No matters were raised.
- 3) Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 4) Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February 2024 be agreed as a true record. This was so agreed and the minutes signed by the Chairman.
- 5) Matters for discussion:
 - i) Glebeland Events: A hog roast had been proposed for either 25th May or 2nd June. It was agreed that this could only take place within the enclosure and that care must be taken with any fire used which must be within a designated area. Damage and littering to be avoided.
There had been no further information about the suggested Forest School.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment – Lyn Knight had made contact with two contractors experienced with skate parks. It was noted that users were concerned about the crumbling tarmac surface to the park.
Simon noted that the Parish Council was required to improve the inspection regime for the skate park. Initially, it was proposed to install additional signage which he was sourcing.
 - iii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed. There was no knotweed showing at present but there were areas where brambles needed to be cut back to prevent rooting.
 - iv) Buddleia. There plant had collapsed but there were shots which needed cutting back, care to be taken in case of nesting birds.
 - v) Trees. No further comments or works required at present; some of the felled trucks had been used to block pathways at the boundary.
 - vi) Hedges, fencing and gates.
 - a) Hedge laying – to be undertaken later in the year. Some branches would be cut back to allow for grass mowing.
 - b) Corral fencing. Simon was seeking quotes for this work to be undertaken in 2025/26.
 - vii) Repairs and maintenance items for 2024
 - viii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape including confirmation of summer cut requirements. Mary had spoken to Chris Brown about grass cutting.
 - ix) Glebeland photos for SWT. Simon to take further photo's.
 - x) Volunteer and working party jobs:
 - Rabbit holes in corral. This needed to be done because of liability. The quarry to be asked if more quarry waste could be purchased. It was suggested that the local school children could assist with this work.

- xi) Dates for working parties:
20th and 29th April. Some of the time could be used to shred various waste,
power for machine to be obtained from Margaret Hares.

6) Financial:
Budget for 2024/25 for consideration by Parish Council. Apart from the maintenance budget no capital works were proposed until 2025/26.

7) Matters of Report

- i) Mary reported the need for the removal of some ragwort although some plants should be retained as this was food for the cinnabar moth.
- ii) Information on the history of the Glebeland was suggested.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.45am

8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: 12th June 2024.

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