

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 6th FEBRUARY 2024

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

Present: Cllr Simon Baker (Chair), Emma Hill, Margaret Hares, Lyn Knight and Becky Leyton; also in attendance Alan Butcher (Clerk)

- 1) Apologies for absence. Mary Newman
- 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) New Committee Members: Lyn Knight and Becky Leyton were invited to join the committee. (appointments to be formally confirmed by the Parish Council)
- 4) Declarations of Interest: No declarations were made.
- 5) Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2023 be agreed as a true record. This was so agreed and the minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 6) Matters for discussion:
 - i) Glebeland Events. The school had enquired about the use of the Glebeland for Forest School activities including the building of temporary structure and the possible use of a fire pit. Becky outlined various proposals about the activities that would be undertaken under the supervision of a qualified leader. There was general agreement that this would be a good use for the area but that a written proposal would be required to ensure that the rules and covenants which related to the Glebeland were not infringed.
 - ii) Skate park. The Parish Council was including monies within its budget for the refurbishment of the skate park with the likelihood that external funding could be required. It was agreed that a specialist consultant should be engaged to provide advice on how the park could be refurbished and improved. Lyn to suggest a suitable person.
 - iii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed. Knotweed was reported to the rear of the car park. Mary to advise who treated the knotweed in the past.
 - iv) Buddleia. It was agreed to form a volunteer party to cut this back; it was also noted that hawthorn was growing in various locations which needed to be cut back.
 - v) Trees. Clerk to contact a suitable person to carry out a tree survey on parish land including the Glebeland.

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

- vi) Hedges, fencing and gates.
Hedge laying. Clerk to seek a suitable hedge layer for winter 2024/5
- vii) Corral fencing. There was a general discussion about alternative options for the replacement of the fencing around the corral. It was suggested that the size and configuration of the area could be reviewed. Simon to seek quotes for the replacement of the fencing as is and any changes to the area to be agreed at the next meeting.
- viii) Repairs and maintenance items for 2024. The state of the path at the west entrance was discussed and a number of suggestions about materials to improve the surface discussed.
- ix) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape including confirmation of summer cut requirements. To be considered at the next meeting including confirmation of grass cutting procedures.
- x) Glebeland photos for SWT. Simon had taken more drone photo's.
- xi) Volunteer and working party jobs:
Rabbit holes in corral. It was suggested that more quarry dust should be obtained from the quarry.
- xii) Dates for working parties; to be confirmed.

7) Financial:

Budget for 2024/25 for consideration by Parish Council. It was agreed to await decisions about fencing before preparing the budget.

8) Matters of Report; None.

9) Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 10th April 2024, 10am at the Community Room.

Alan Butcher,
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8th February 2024
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