

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 11th SEPTEMBER 2024

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

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

- 1) **Apologies for absence.** None.
- 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:** Lyn declared a personal interest regarding JK Tree Services.
- 4) **Acceptance of the Minutes of previous meetings:**
That the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th June 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) No events were planned but it was noted that the school was using the Glebeland for pupils outdoor exercise.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment:
 - a) Comments for the recent inspection were noted. Lyn had contacts who dealt with Skate Park refurbishments and would contact to to seek an idea of costs and fees. These contacts were based away from the area and it was suggested that Shepton Mallet Town Council be contacted to ascertain who they had used for their recently refurbished skate park; clerk to action.
 - iii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed:
 - a) SM Landscape to be asked to cut back brambles along the Carey Close wall and brambles also to be cut back along the dog leg fence. Mary noted that, currently, there appeared to be no knotweed
 - iv) Buddleia:
 - a) The plants growing near the Cary Close bus shelter to be cut down.
 - v) Trees:
 - a) A quote had been received from JK Tree Services to attend to the beech trees in the dog leg and the Yew Tree near the north path as discussed at the last meeting. The quote was for £380 plus VAT. It was agreed to ask the Parish Council to confirm that these works could be carried out.
 - b) There was a discussion about Ash Trees in the Glebeland and Lyn suggested a tree surveyor who would be able to carry out a survey. This could cost around £300. Lyn to speak to the specialist and the Parish Council asked to confirm that these funds could be spent.

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- vi) Hedges, fencing and gates.
 - a) Hedge laying – This was still in hand for later in the year.
 - b) Corral fencing – quotes received. Simon reported that only two quotes had been received in wildly differing amounts. It was agreed to postpone the fencing works and to seek further valid quotes.
- vii) Repairs and maintenance items for 2024 – see x) below.
- viii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape including confirmation of summer cut requirements. Mary to speak to SM Landscape about a number of items including cutting the paths and the autumn cut.
- ix) Glebeland photos for SWT – in hand with Simon.
- x) Volunteer and working party jobs:
 - a) Rabbit holes in corral – in hand, it was suggested that the school be asked to assist.
 - b) Mary noted that there was still a need for volunteers to assist.
- xi) Dates for working parties – to be advised.

6) Financial:

Fencing costs and other items for consideration by Parish Council.
It was agreed to seek Parish Council confirmation for the tree works by JK Tree Services and the specialist tree survey both as noted above.

7) Matters of Report

No matters were raised and the meeting closed at 10.45am.

8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: Wednesday 9th November @ 10am (provisional)

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