

DOULTING PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE GLEBELAND COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON WEDNESDAY 12th JUNE 2024

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

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

- 1) Apologies for absence. Lyn Knight and Becky Leyton.
- 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 10th April 2024 be agreed as a true record. This was so agreed and the minutes duly signed with the words “summer cut” amended to “autumn cut”.
- 5) Matters for discussion:
 - i) Glebeland Events.
The recent Hog Roast had taken place successfully.
The school was using the Glebeland for various activities.
 - ii) Skate park refurbishment:
Simon had concluded that the existing safety sign was adequate and that a new sign was not required.
Simon had inspected the equipment and noted no problems. The new monthly inspections would start from July and the Annual Inspection would take place shortly.
Mary noted brambles in various parts of the park needed cutting back.
 - iii) Brambles and Japanese knotweed
\no knotweed had been detected but brambles were growing in a number of areas including behind Carey Close. It was agreed the the clerk should instruct SM Landscape to cut back the brambles including in the skate park. Mary to liaise.
 - iv) Buddleia:
There was a collapsed plant by the north side path which required attention; this would be a volunteer job.
 - v) Trees.
Mary noted various trees throughout the Glebeland that needed attention. It was agreed to instruct Tibbs Trees to carry out a survey of all trees in the Clebeland and provide a report for the Parish Council.
A Yew tree by the north path was been smothered by an adjoining tree and that Beech Trees in the “dog leg” needed attention and cutting back. It was agreed to ask JK Tree Services for a quote for this work; Mary to liaise.

Draft minutes subject to acceptance at the next meeting.

- vi) Hedges, fencing and gates.
 - a) Hedge laying – this would be carried out after Christmas.
 - b) Corral fencing:

Simon had carried out temporary repairs to fencing and gates but advised that the coral fencing and gates would require replacement in the financial year as it was in a poor state. It was agreed that Simon would prepare a works schedule for tendering purposes to be sent to three local contractors.

This would include replace of the fencing to the current layout, new wheelchair accessible gates and metal posts to the vehicles gate.

It was noted that it was currently difficult for wheelchairs to access the Glebeland due to the “kissing gates” and it was suggested that code locks be fitted to the main gate to allow easier access.

Health and safety considerations would need to be confirmed and it was suggested that the works could be carried out in early 2025.
- vii) Repairs and maintenance items for 2024:

The table in the “dog leg” was in a poor state of repair. Simon to ensure the table presented no risk to the public and a replacement table to be sourced subject to conformation be the Parish Council.
- viii) Grass cutting and regular maintenance by SM Landscape including confirmation of the autumn cut requirements, Clerk to ask SM Landscape to liaise with Mary.
- ix) Glebeland photos for SWT – Simon had completed the drone photos.
- x) Volunteer and working party jobs:
 - Rabbit holes in corral – there was still material available to infill these holes.
 - Brambles in the skate park.
 - The east end table needs grass cutting back.
- xi) Dates for working parties – to be advised.

6) Financial:

Budget for 2024/25 for consideration by Parish Council.

- i) Cost for new table to be ascertained and reported to the Parish Council at tonight’s meeting.
- ii) Budget for tree survey to be ascertained.

7) Matters of Report

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 11.25am.

8) Date and Time of Next Meeting: provisionally 11th September 2024.

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