

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee

Minutes on the 27th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held at 7pm on 21st June 2023 at the Methodist Hall

- **Attendance:** Cllr C Pegg (in the chair), Cllr A McLean (AM), David Goodsell (DG) Chris Jephcote (CJ), Rachel Terheege (RT), Mark Style (MS)

27/1 To receive apologies for absence:

- It was **NOTED** that there were none

27/2 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that declarations still applied as per previous meetings

27/3 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that there were none.

27/4 To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting of the committee

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that minutes of the meeting held on 17th May 2023 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 26th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

27/5 To consider any matters arising from previous decisions of the committee not covered by the agenda

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that there were none

27/6 To consider formal play area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that CP is waiting for one further quote to dig out foundations, lay a suitable base and fit the matting.

27/7 To consider allotments matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that MS is waiting for the ditch to be finished and then he will put posts along the edge with yellow painted trace wire adjoining. CP requires written confirmation (to pass to the PC) from the allotment group that this meets their insurance company requirements and that they do not want a fence.
- It was **NOTED** that CP has three quotes to clear the ground by the pile of earth. These will be passed to the PC to consider how to cover the funding

27/8 To consider orchard area matter

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that CP thanked MS for watering the new fruit trees. These trees will require further watering in dry weather until they are established. An (IBC) plastic water tank is required.

ACTION: A request to see if anyone can source one. MS to continue watering in the meantime.

27/9 To consider conifer area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that Severn Trent has agreed that we meet the criteria to apply for a grant. Action can now begin to collate the necessary information for the claim form. MS to put forward suggestions to improve the plan.
- It was **NOTED** that AM has looked at grants from the Award for All lottery scheme and has also found grants that might be applicable to the allotment group which she will pass on to MS
- It was **NOTED** Greg is doing a tree survey and any safety issues will be actioned.

27/10 To consider gates matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council has appointed a solicitor to legalise the ownership of the Severn Trent area. ST has agreed to sort out the blockage affecting the balancing pond.

27/11 To consider balancing pond matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the water in the balancing pond is higher than expected due to the blockage. The PC has placed warning signs around the pond but these have been vandalised. ACTION: The signs will be put back and it was suggested that the PC ask their insurers whether the signs are sufficient or if further measures are required to cover their liability.
- It was **NOTED** that AM asked if an area around the picnic bench could be mowed.

27/12 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that DG has received a communication from the Butterfly Conservation Society asking him to suggest question to be included in a questionnaire.

27/13 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was none.

27/14 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there was none.

The meeting closed at 8.00pm

Next meeting: To be confirmed