

**Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee**

Minutes on the 24th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held at 7pm on 15<sup>th</sup> March 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)

**24/1 To receive apologies for absence:**

- It was **NOTED** that apologies were received from Mark Styles (MS),

**24/2 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

**24/3 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.

**24/4 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 15<sup>th</sup> February 2023 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

**24/5 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

**24/6 To consider formal play area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the area around the swings and the slide are very muddy. This needs attention as soon as possible. The quote received is to dig out foundations and lay suitable matting. Two more quotes are expected soon.

**24/7 To consider allotments matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that MS and the other allotment holders have tidied up the area.
- It is hoped that the ditch drainage would start soon and that funding was in place for this. As soon as this was complete work on a hedge could begin. DG was asked to look at sourcing this and the timing required to obtain suitable plants.

**24/8 To consider orchard area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the 16 newly planted fruit trees in the orchard were doing well. CP thanked DG and the scouts for their hard work. A lot of the dead wood has been removed, leaving some trees that are misshapen due to the weight of the brambles. These may need attention.
- CP is to get a quote to move the mound of earth.
- DG to ask scouts if they would like to help with planting the hedge and to see if the Scout leader has sent an article to the Stoker about them planting the fruit trees.

**24/9 To consider conifer area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that at the meeting with the Thomas Barton Charity, the trustees were unable to make an offer at this stage. The committee thanked TB for their consideration of the project and, in the meantime, they will be seeking alternative sources of funding.
- Severn Trent and HBBC have been approached.

**24/10 To consider gates matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the Parish Council is still waiting for documentation from Severn Trent and CP is still trying to arrange a visit with them regarding the gate.

**24/11 To consider balancing pond matters**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that it was explained to CP that the water in the balancing pond would soak away naturally. Only on a rare occasion will the water be high enough to back flow through the balancing pond.
- Once the trees and brambles have been removed a decision can be made on the planting around the pond

**24/12 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

**24/13 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

**24/14 To consider future agenda items**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

**Next meeting: - Wednesday, 19th April 2023 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall**