

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee

Minutes on the 10th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held on 17th November 2021 at the Methodist Hall

Attendance: Cllr C Pegg (in the chair), Cllr A McLean, David Goodsell (DG), Mark Styles, Cllr Rachel Terhegge (minutes)

10/1 To receive apologies for absence:

- It was **NOTED** that apologies were received from Chris Jephcote (CJ), Sarah Robinson (SR)

10/2 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

10/3 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.

10/4 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 20th October 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 9th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

10/5 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

10/6 To consider formal play area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that as soon as the ground round the play equipment has been strimmed, a ROSPA inspection can be organised. Once we have that report the play area can be made usable and it can be opened to the public although the planning application has still not been made over to the PC.

10/7 To consider informal open space matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the area of the informal play area needs to be defined and marked out to see how level it is. The remaining area will be left for natural growth, only mowed twice a year. A footpath will form a circular route around the area. There will be an open pedestrian entrance with a central bollard to prevent vehicle access.
- It was **NOTED** CP has asked Severn Trent to meet at the site to confirm what maintenance arrangements they intend to have around their fenced off area as this may impinge on adjoining areas.

10/8 To consider allotments matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that legal fees to arrange a 25-year lease with the Allotment Committee may be as high as £1000. CP is talking to HBBC to see how their allotments are managed.
- The area around the car park area needs to be defined to free up some part of it and when funds are available the pile of soil needs to be moved.
- The drainage will be in a piped ditch from the gate end down towards the balancing pond.

10/9 To consider orchard area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that a site meeting was held to discuss the pathway and new tree placement.
- DG estimates that 12 trees of various varieties could be planted around this area at a cost of £10/15 each. They would need rabbit guards and stakes. It was suggested that the scouts' group may be involved with the planting.
- The area of 15 x20 metres needs to be defined. ACTION: DG to contact suppliers for a price of the various trees.

- The tree specialist has suggested the brambles near the gate could be cut back and left for wildlife. He will cut the top out of the apple tree so that any fruit is easier to pick.

10/10 To consider conifer area matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that this area is to be left until an assessment by the Forestry Commission is carried out. CP has a list of action required on 13 trees at an estimated cost of £2000. This work can now be carried out as the cost for the removal of the red wood tree is the responsibility of the Housing Association and not the PCs. Note – The Housing Association is aware of the dangerous state of that tree. The cost could be further reduced if the cut wood is useful elsewhere and not removed by the contractor. ACTION: MS to take some wood away. AM to send sketch of proposed area plan to MS & RT.

10/11 To consider boundary and gates matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that CP has not been able to contact resident to discuss the fence with him but he will try again this week. He will be notified when the contractor is ready to fit the gates.
- CP and DG to go to Ironstyles to measure and discuss the placement of the original gates that they are storing.

10/12 To consider balancing pond matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that we are still waiting for Severn Trent's report on the pipe scheme and how it will affect the planned drainage.

10/13 To consider scheme timeline

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there is no further action was required.

10/14 To consider compost toilet future and insurance implications

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the toilet had been examined and a contractor is to send a quote for refurbishment, alteration and moving it. It will have to be re-classified as a hide for insurance purposes and a pathway and shield established (possibly a willow fence).
- It was **NOTED** that CP & RT had met with the Thomas Barton Charity committee who would be willing to help on some projects. They asked that details of projects and costings should be sent to them. RT suggested that individual projects should be sent to SB (Parish Clerk) to co-ordinate a list(s).

10/15 To consider budget costs for each area and next year's budget requirements

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that no further action was required

10/16 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

10/17 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

10/18 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

The meeting closed at 8.10pm

Next meeting: - Wednesday, 15th December 2021 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall