

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee

Minutes of the 1st meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held virtually on 20th January 2021

Attendance: Cllr C Pegg (in the chair), Cllr A Clover, Cllr A McLean, David Goodsell (DG), Phil Day (PD), Sarah Robinson (SR), Cllr Rachel Terheege (Minutes) and 1 resident (PG)

1/1 To receive apologies for absence:

None.

1/2 To confirm Council members and Chair

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the committee would have three councillor members, Cllrs Pegg (Chair), Clover and McLean, with three non- councillor members.

1/3 To consider appointment of non-councillor members

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **AGREED** to appoint three non-councillor members and members interest forms were **NOTED**.

1/4 To receive declarations of interest on items on the agenda and dispensations:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that Cllr McLean has previously declared a pecuniary interest and a dispensation was previously **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Open Space until 31st March 2023.
- PD declared a pecuniary interest and a dispensation was **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Open Space until 31st March 2023.
- SR declared a pecuniary interest and a dispensation was **AGREED** for any discussion and vote in relation to the Convent Open Space until 31st March 2023.
- DG to submit his forms

1/5 Public participation – to consider any comments by the public on items on the agenda:

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that there were no comments.

1/6 To consider dates of future meetings

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that meetings would be called every 3rd Wednesday of the month. (17th February, 17th March, 21st April)

1/7 To consider initial priorities and identify required actions

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that CP showed everyone maps of the area and urged members to visit the site to see the current situation and explained how the PC had come to be the current land owner.
- It was **NOTED** that the following items would need future attention and some initial action was instigated:
- Allotments – PD to send all relevant documentation to the PC clerk (TC), to discuss with other allotment holders their views on drainage, health and safety, security and insurance.
- Formal play area – This is as it was originally left by Mar City and will require fencing, clearance of debris from the top surface area, grants to replace the equipment. AM and SR to initiate a survey of local residents but to be mindful that there is no initial money to spend but would require grant funding.
- Orchard area – DG to look at the way forward with this area and grant availability.
- Balancing Pond – AC explained the purpose of the balancing pond. It was **NOTED** that HBBC had declared it safe, but the brick outflow might need some attention. CP to talk to the site manager at Severn Trent to get an update on the status of the pond.
- Conifer area – CP has asked a tree specialist to give a report on safety and to advise on future action required
- Informal open area – This will require fencing to separate it from the play area and the allotments.
- It was **NOTED** that Severn Trent have a right of access to their area of the site.
- It was **NOTED** that there were gates made for the area which are stored and could be put to use.

There is a toilet building that was given by the original Housing Association. It was **NOTED** that this is not used by the allotment holders nor was it thought to be suitable for use by the general public. CP to check that it is padlocked and as it was thought to be quite valuable it might be sold.

- It was **NOTED** that HBBC are looking at possible grants that might be available.

1/8 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

Written

None

Verbal

None

1/9 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

- It was **NOTED** that a report will be made to the next PC meeting and this will be in the minutes which is available to the public.

1/10 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that areas noted for attention would be added to future agendas.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Next meeting:- Virtually on Zoom, Wednesday, 17th February 2021 at 7.00pm