

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

Minutes on the 16th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held at 7pm on 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at the Methodist Hall

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

**16/1 To receive apologies for absence:**

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

**16/2 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

**16/3 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.

**16/4 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 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

**16/5 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

**16/6 To consider formal play area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that contractor (MS) to complete equipment checks to meet RSPA standards. He will install bench, waste bin and table which has been funded by the Members Highway Fund, as soon as they arrive. AS will look at suitable sites for the positioning of these items.
- The PC has agreed the name of Convent Meadow and signs for the play area entrance will be discussed with the PC and SB
- Quotes for opening the fence and for flattening the hardstanding area are required from MS.

**16/7 To consider informal open space matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that this area will be left at present but signs (and a price) are required to warn of uneven ground

**16/8 To consider allotments matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the allotment holders have started to clear away any rubbish. They will continue to keep the area tidy.
- The chosen drainage contractor is still delaying because of the rising cost of materials but they have not submitted a revised price. It was **AGREED** to contact the other company that quoted.
- The PC will be asked to apply to a tree fund (as recommended by committee member MS) for trees for the boundary hedge. CP suggested that the allotment group could apply to the same fund for plants for their boundary hedge. Help would be available for completing the forms if required.

**16/9 To consider orchard area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that any new growth coming up through the cut back brambles has been cut off to a lower level and will now be sprayed. This area will then be left natural.
- DG will decide what trees to order and these will be planted **ACTION:** DG to get prices so it is ready to order at the next meeting.
- The pile of earth will be levelled and the tree area extended to form a natural barrier to the carpark

- CP has asked for a quote for a suitable strong fence (where farmer's cattle are) which he will submit to the PC. A hedge could be planted on one side or other of this. A pedestrian gate will be fitted along side the vehicular gate. The 'no public right of way' sign needs removing. Some sort of separate entrance to the allotment area will be considered.

#### **16/10 To consider conifer area matters**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that CP has asked two contractors for quotes for cutting, removing where necessary and replanting. They are aware that, if the group can obtain free trees, these quotes would need to be adjusted. This will be presented to the Thomas Barton Charity as a prospective future project. **ACTION:** DG to check if the scouts have been successful in their claim for funding for some trees. This request to Thomas Barton needs to be submitted by the end of this week to allow time for obtaining and planting by October.
- CP has again contacted Severn Trent. It now seems that there is a question about the ownership of the land which has to be remedied before any further action on the S/T area can be agreed.

#### **16/11 To consider gates matters**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the original iron gates are still held at Ironstyles. The existing gate belongs to Severn Trent and they have to agree before it can be replaced by the iron gates. **ACTION:** CP to try to meet with S/T to discuss this.

#### **16/12 To consider balancing pond matters**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that there will be no further action until the winter to clear any brambles.

#### **16/13 To consider compost toilet future and insurance implications**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that this has been treated and stained with the original colour preservative. Thanks to AB.

#### **16/14 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

#### **16/15 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that an item should be placed in the Stoker before the 15<sup>th</sup> June deadline regarding the date of the opening of the area

#### **16/16 To consider future agenda items**

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

**Next meeting: - Wednesday, 15<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall**