

Minutes of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee

Minutes on the 8th meeting of Stoke Golding Parish Council Convent Open Space Committee held on 22nd September 2021 at the Methodist Hall

- **Attendance:** Cllr C Pegg (in the chair), Cllr A McLean, David Goodsell (DG), Chris Jephcote (CJ), Sarah Robinson (SR), Cllr Rachel Terheege (Minutes)

8/1 To receive apologies for absence:

- It was **NOTED** that apologies were received from Phil Day (PD)

8/2 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

8/3 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.

8/4 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 18th August 2021 were unanimously **AGREED** and the Chairman signed the minutes of the 7th meeting as a correct record of the meeting.

8/5 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

8/6 To consider formal play area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that CP has spoken to MB at HBBC again and he thinks it is just a question of change of position. **ACTION:** CP to arrange a visit to HBBC. SB to ask ROSPA to inspect site and ask insurance if planning permission is necessary for insurance cover once passed by ROSPA.

8/7 To consider informal open space matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that this area has now been flailed and grass seed scattered. It will be necessary to initially fence off the informal play area for safety reasons and to fence off the residents' garden to prevent access via their garden and to bring in the gates stored at Ironstyles.
ACTION: CP & RT to see resident

8/8 To consider allotments matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that the PC is trying to formalise a lease agreement with the allotment society. A solicitor will be required to draw up the lease.
- It was **NOTED** that the toilet was gifted to the village so it is necessary to consult before deciding what to do with it. DG suggested conversion to a bird hide and feeding station.

8/9 To consider orchard area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** that now the area has been cleared of brambles the arborist has looked at the two apple trees and suggests they only need to be reduced in height. The pear tree also needs the same. The rest of the orchard needs the rubbish clearing from around the base so he can see what is required. CP has contacted the Forestry Commission regarding a grant for more trees. **ACTION:** CP to ask the arborist to visit again and advise what fruit trees are best for the area.
- It was **NOTED** that CJ set up a Whatsapp group for easy contact. AM has contacted Severn Trent about a grant from their community fund.

8/10 To consider conifer area matters

The following was **RESOLVED:**

- It was **NOTED** the area around the conifers has been flailed

8/11 To consider boundary and gates matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** (as above) a site visit might be required.

8/12 To consider balancing pond matters

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the path around this has been cleared to maintain access to this area. CP has not heard from Severn Trent regarding his request for plans of underground pipework.

8/13 To receive and consider such communications as received by the Clerk

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

8/14 To consider items needed to be brought to public's attention

The following was **RESOLVED**:

- It was **NOTED** that the village should be kept updated on progress. ACTION: AM to write piece for PC Facebook.

8/15 To consider future agenda items

The following was **RESOLVED**:

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

The meeting closed at 8.15pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, 13th October 2021 at 7.00pm at the Methodist Hall