

**Hutton Cranswick Parish Council  
Minutes of the Meeting of the  
Gatehouse Lake Management Committee  
held in the WI Hall, Main Street, Cranswick  
on Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at 7pm.**

**Present:** Councillors: Mrs Johnson (in the Chair), Mrs Mills, Poolford, Richardson, Mrs Thurlow.

**Parishioners present:** One.

The Clerk recorded the minutes.

**17/GHL 017 Apologies:** No apologies

**17/GHL 018 Declaration of interests:** None.

**17/GHL 019 Minutes: Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Richardson/seconded Cllr Mrs Thurlow).

**17/GHL 020 Public Participation: All Members agreed to suspend the meeting to allow members of the public and councillors with pecuniary/non-pecuniary interest to ask questions or make statements (limited to 3 minutes per person).** Ben Thurlow informed the Committee there had been an excellent response to form a new angling Club. Ben requested that the Parish Council de-register the old fishing club with Cefas. The Gatehouse Lake Club was now in a position to seek permission from the Parish Council for the right to fish and manage angling at Gatehouse Lake.

The jute matting was to be extended northwards towards the bird hide. The weed further around the hide was not to be removed to encourage fish spawning.

A mink raft had been made.

Based on the size of fish recently caught the food levels in the Lake appeared good.

The storage container had been painted.

The notice board was almost complete.

**17/GHL 021 Licence:** the draft Licence was reviewed and updated. It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council enters into an Agreement with the Gatehouse Lake Angling Club.

**17/GHL 022** - the Committee made the following recommendations for approval by the Parish Council -

- a) **Dipping Pond** – a decision as to whether the pond is solely for wildlife or to be used for educational purposes and if any further banking /drainage work should be undertaken to the pond, is deferred until the Autumn.
- b) **Log piles** – to remain as is to encourage wildlife.
- c) **Access Road** – (i) the road surface to be made good with road planings and (ii) to create a passing place for vehicles.

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- d) **Control of dogs** – notices reminding dog owners to be responsible to posted on the notice board.
- e) **Management of willow trees close to lake edge and tree cutting programme** – that a maintenance contract be put in place for the management of the trees.
- f) **Otter fencing** – (i) the line of the otter fence to be positioned on the boundary perimeter of Gatehouse Lake with the line of the car park being the western boundary (ii) an amount from the Business Reserve Account is allocated for the provision of a fence, (iii) quotations are obtained for the supply and installation of a fence and (iv) the angling club given the opportunity to provide the labour for installing a fence with the Council funding the materials.
- g) **Peg for disabled access** – acceptance of a quotation of £750.00 for relocating the bird hide to the north east corner and providing a peg for disabled anglers in the space created.
- h) **Re-planting programme following jute matting process** – to seek advice from the Environment Agency on the type of species to be introduced into the Lake and the timeframe for a re-planting programme.
- i) **Notice board** – to note the board was almost complete. Examples of information to be displayed include; history of the Lake; Club rules; contact information; safety information; and events diary.

**17/GHL 023 Action Plan:** Cllr Mrs Thurlow agreed to update the Plan to reflect the recommendations agreed at the meeting. A copy would be circulated prior to the next meeting of the Committee.

**17/GHL 024 Next Meeting:** To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.20 pm

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