

**Hutton Cranswick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Gatehouse Lake Management Committee
held in the Hutton Cranswick School Hall,
on Wednesday, 10th May, 2017 at 7pm.**

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

Parishioners present: One.

The Clerk recorded the minutes.

17/GHL 025 Apologies: Cllr Mrs Thurlow.

17/GHL 026 Declaration of interests: None.

17/GHL 027 Minutes: Resolved - That the minutes of the meeting of the Committee held on 25th April, 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Richardson/seconded Cllr Mrs Mills).

17/GHL 028 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 that the Gatehouse Lake Angling Club had made an application to register the fishery with CEFAS. The Club had increased its membership to 27.

Ben had been in contact with the Environment Agency (EA), a representative had agreed to visit the site and give advice on fish stock for the Lake. The EA had provided a publication on Fisheries habitat improvements.

There was no evidence to suggest there was mink present at the Lake.

17/GHL 029 Otter Fence: The Committee considered a proposal for the design and installation of an otter fence. The angling club was to provide the manpower in fabricating and installing the fence with a request that the Parish Council purchase the materials. **Resolved:** that the proposal be approved, in principle, subject to the design and the method of construction complied with industry standard/British Standards for otter fencing. Guidance on appropriate Standard(s) was to be sought from the Environment Agency. The clearance of any part of the site to accommodate the fence was to be in agreement with the Parish Council, prior to commencing installation of the fence.

17/GHL 030 Action Plan - the Committee made the following recommendation for approval by the Parish Council -

- a) **Planting** – the planting to be deferred until 2018 unless advised otherwise by the EA.

17/GHL 031 Next Meeting: To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.30 pm

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