

Committee meeting 18th July 2018

5 new members joined before the start of the meeting

8.30p.m.

Present: RN,RH,KK,DM,TP,SMc,SM,DS.

Apologies: GP,JH,GC

1. Angling Improvement Grant update.

RH gave an update on progress so far. Information is continuing to be included into the online application form. RH has been in touch with both HIOW Trust and NATS. The Trust have sent written permission for the proposed work to go ahead in the advent of the bid being successful. NATS have been in contact to propose a new lease/rental agreement. This would be the same as the existing agreement with two amendments, one of which would be much to our advantage. The new lease would be for a 10 year period and would be contracted out of the Landlord and Tenant Act of 1954. This would mean that NATS 'are willing to enter into a longer association with the Club, albeit one that could be terminated on 3 months' notice in extremis, but the 13 years that the Club has enjoyed under the current Licence reflects both the context of the club operating within a Nature Reserve and NATS satisfaction with the relationship with the Club.' In order for this to happen the Club would need to pay the legal fees estimated at £300-400 ex VAT. This security would be very helpful when seeking funding such as the AIM Grant as well as establishing an enhanced relationship with NATS.

After further discussion the committee decided to accept the lease offer from NATS.

RH to contact John Mcleod at NATS to convey this decision so that the paperwork can be prepared. Action RH

2.Swim clearing

SM reported that all the planned work has been completed except a small amount of strimming on the President's Pond. SM will contact Dave Brownlee to complete this. Action SM/DB

It was suggested that in future swim clearing could be targeted at different times of the year depending on work that needed doing rather than the same dates each year.

DM got two of the trimmers working and one is out for repair. The committee discussed whether it is better to hire trimmers as needed or buy cheaper trimmers. It was decided to revisit the issue once our existing trimmers pack up. Dave Brownlee has volunteered to look after the existing trimmers as storage in the container is not suitable. Action SM to contact DB
Overall the turn out of members to swimclearing sessions was poor (5/6). RH asked whether risk assessments were completed yet. SM to make this a priority and give copies to RH. Action SM to complete risk assessments

3. The road

The repairs to New Road have now been completed. Our contribution was £576 to purchase the planings.

Everyone was pleased with the work that has been done. The downslope is not of such good quality. Discussion continued on increasing subscriptions to fund the maintenance of the road. This to be considered at the November committee meeting.

4. The Bank

There has been an issue over the bank's handling of the change to authorising signatures. KK is not happy with the attitude of the bank. Hopefully the issues have been sorted and once everything is back to normal KK will look into whether it is worth changing bank.

5. Fish stocking

RH has been in touch with Fishers Pond fishery and they would have available the 30 mirrors 3-5lbs that we would require. The HLOW Trust have given us permission to stock the fish. KK will update the accounts for the next committee meeting in September and the committee will make a decision on when to stock at that meeting.

RH to contact Fishers Pond to check if fish are available after September if we decide to stock this winter.

Action RH contact Fishers Pond. Action KK update accounts

6. TP will arrange for plaques to be made for the memorial bench in memory of Steve Potts and George Strevens, members who passed away recently.

Action TP.

7. Club paperwork

RH recently collected old Club paperwork from Graham Jones. As well as minutes and correspondence that go back many years and need to be kept

there are large volumes of out of date paperwork that could be disposed of. The committee agreed that RH should dispose of paperwork older than 7 years that is no longer relevant.

Action RH.

AOB

DM asked SM if he has regular meetings with the bailiffs. SM doesn't but contacts them as necessary.

The availability of parking stickers was discussed. Flyers are being made available to place on the windscreen of cars parked in the New Road car park that do not belong to club members.

SM would like signs reading 'Private Track Residents and Angling Club members only'. SM to get a quote for the signs. Action SM.

KK said that any spending of more than £50 needs to be cleared with him first. SM would like to hire a digger to create a trench to relieve flooding from the concrete road onto New Road. An estimate needs to be obtained for the next committee meeting. Action SM.

Meeting closed at 9.50p.m.

Next committee meeting 12 the September