

**Hutton Cranswick Parish Council**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the Gatehouse Lake Committee**  
**held at the Lake on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at 6.30 pm.**

**Present:** Cllr Richardson, Cllr Wilson. Ben Thurlow, Tanya Thurlow. One member of the public attended.  
The Clerk recorded the minutes.

**21/GHL 001 Apologies:** Cllr Poolford.

**21/GHL 002 Minutes: Resolved** the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> June, 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record (proposed Cllr Richardson/seconded Cllr Wilson).

**21/GHL 003 Maintenance Schedule** – The following was noted: -

TASK	HCPC	GLAC	Comments/Actions -14th April, 2021
1. Entrance gate.	✓		Damaged post to be replaced.
2. Access track.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
3. Hedge on access track.	✓		Hedge cut in January, 2021.
4. Car park – surface and boundary.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
5. Container facilities.		✓	New storage container to be installed.
6. Otter fencing.	✓		Additional access gate in car park installed to allow access of equipment.
7. Boundary hedge around otter fencing.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
8. Bankside maintenance [strimming and planting] and furniture.		✓	Bankside trimmed on regular basis. The short section of the fence at the disabled access peg is broken and was to be removed with the main section made good.
9. Bankside drainage [water logging in certain small areas].		✓	GLAC to submit a proposal to improve dipping pond area.
10. Tree cutting.	✓		GLAC to submit a proposal for a 3-year programme for the removal and replacement of trees at the bankside and the outer fringe/margin of the Lake.
11. Weed control.		✓	There had been a significant reduction in the amount of weed present in the Lake - a new method of removal by purpose built crane equipment was proving successful.
12. Peg maintenance.		✓	No immediate works identified to be done.
13. Bird hide maintenance.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
14. Disabled peg maintenance.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
15. Sign board maintenance.		✓	Information in main notice board had been brought up to date. The Wildlife Information notice board was in need of repair. It was to be re-sited in a more prominent location.
16. Aquatic plants [lilies etc].		✓	No immediate works identified to be done.
17. Island maintenance – exclude trees.		✓	No immediate works identified to be done.
18. Island maintenance - Trees.	✓		There was a dead tree on the island.
19. Dipping pond.		✓	GLAC to submit a proposal to improve the area.
20. Planned stock pond.		✓	Lake net survey to be undertaken in November, 2021.
21. Planned otter fence on SRA side.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
22. Dyke maintenance.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
23. Bio security.		✓	To adopt new safer arrangement for dipping nets.
24. To keep the Lake area tidy for the use of anglers and all users.		✓	Some vermin present; advice to be sought from ERYC.
25. Life saving safety equipment.	✓		No immediate works identified to be done.
26. Composting area for the weed.		✓	No immediate works identified to be done.

Signed.....Date.....

**21/GHL 004 – New Trees** – At the last meeting, consideration was given to securing a grant from the East Riding of Yorkshire Community Tree Planting Fund, for new trees on the southern boundary of the Lake. Native trees such as; wild cherry; holly; hazel; wild privet; field maples could be used, lending themselves to coppicing for easy maintenance.

GLAC had reservations, as too much planting may cause increased leaf litter and silting of the Lake.

GLAC was to submit a proposal for the removal and replacement of trees.

**21/GHL 005 Gatehouse Lake Angling Club (GLAC) – Update/Plans for 2021**

- (a) Lease Fee - The Council had received the annual £5. 00 lease fee from the Club.
- (b) AGM - The minutes of the Club’s AGM meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 was noted.
- (c) Finances - An income and expenditure statement for the period 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 to 16<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 was noted.
- (d) Vandalism – recently three wheelbarrows and some plastic chairs has been thrown into the Lake. This appeared to be an isolated incident.
- (e) Drug and alcohol - Evidence of drug and alcohol activity had been found. Any further such incidents would be reported both to the Parish Council and the Police.
- (f) Pathway – a proposal to improve the pathway around the Lake would be submitted to the Parish Council. Ben Thurlow reported that the latest funding round may accept applications for improvement to access - pathways and pegs.
- (g) Container – A new secure storage container was to be installed on the car park area.
- (h) Vermin – There was evidence of rats at the Lake. Advice on appropriate treatments would be sought from East Riding of Yorkshire Council.
- (i) Lake netting and survey – GLAC was arranging for a net survey to be undertaken in November, 2021 to assess the fish stock. The Parish Council would be informed of the result of the survey and any recommended action.
- (j) Pathway from Station Road to the SRA – GLAC asked if the route of the pathway required the repositioning of the otter fence. The pathway project was at a very early stage, with the route yet to be determined. GLAC would be consulted on the proposals.
- (k) Noticeboards – Information in main notice board had been brought up to date. The Wildlife Information notice board was in need of repair. It was to be re-sited in a more prominent location.
- (l) Trees – GLAC to submit a proposal for a 3-year programme for the removal and replacement of trees at the bankside and the outer fringe/margin of the Lake.
- (m) Site Visit – It was suggested to arrange for Parish Councillors to visit the Lake to look at the proposals for the improvements to the pathway around the Lake and the management of trees.

**21/GHL 006 Next Meeting:** To be confirmed.

There being no further business, the Meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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