

Lound Parish Council

Minutes of the Meeting of the **Linghurst Lakes Sub Committee** of the Parish Council held on Thursday 3 September 2015 at 7.30 pm in the Village Hall.

Present: Cllrs Alan Jones and Judith Nicholson: Jerry Kershaw, Steve Wilkinson, Tessa Hart and Julia Kershaw – Clerk.

Apologies for Absence – Peter Phillipson

Residents present: 5

Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality

None declared

Meeting adjourned for Public Discussion

Minutes of the Last Meeting.

Minutes of the meeting dated 1 September 2014 were signed by Jerry Kershaw as a true record.

Committee Structure:

The committee changed slightly as Peter Phillipson had resigned from the Parish Council but remains as a committee member. His role as treasurer has been taken by Cllr Jones and Cllr Nicholson has joined as the second Parish Council representative. Jerry Kershaw remains as Chair after offering the post to any other committee members.

The committee members are as follows: Alan Jones (Treasurer), Judith Nicholson, Peter Phillipson, Pat Kirby, Steve Wilkinson and Tessa Hart, Jerry Kershaw (Chair) proceeded to take the meeting.

Work Completed 2014/15

The stile on Neatholme Lane has been repaired by Holmes Groundcare. All lake edges and other areas have been trimmed as previous year (Holmes Groundcare). Young spruce remain intact.

Thistles sprayed (Holmes Groundcare).

Pathways cut (Holmes Groundcare).

The areas for geese to land have been cut back (Holmes Groundcare) but are still not been used.

The 'Beach area' to top end of the north lake, has been cleared. (Holmes Groundcare).

Temporary steps have been formed to connect the new path created to avoid flooded area on west side of the north lake.

New saplings along path at south corner of the south lake have been trimmed. (Holmes Groundcare).

The reeds encroaching around bench on west side of the north lake have been removed as far as possible. (Holmes Groundcare).

An area on east side of the north lake has been cleared by a working party and a homemade bench installed.

Overgrown hedging and self set trees along the east boundary of the south lake where it abuts Roger Wright's has been cut back by Roger and Holmes Groundcare.

The islands have been left alone and not tampered with.

Objectives for 2015/16

Continue with two cuts a year by Holmes Groundcare but have the flexibility for an additional cut if necessary. Cllr Nicholson told the meeting Martin Fisher from Idle Valley Reserves has offered to help if necessary. Cllr Nicholson is to ask for their help. **Action Cllr Nicholson**

Tessa Hart asked if it would be possible to treat the thistles earlier in the year to stop them growing at all. Jerry Kershaw will ask Alan Holmes when they do their annual maintenance walk round. The general feeling was that they are better now than they were 3 years ago.

Jenny Lane asked that the new seat be slightly altered. The edges are harsh and suggested bevelling the edges. **Action Jerry Kershaw**

The gate to the north end of the north lake, damaged by quad bikers is to be permanently sealed somehow with pedestrian access created. Cllr Nicholson is to ask Martin Fisher for assistance in moving boulders to the site and for him to contact Jerry to co-ordinate a working party. **Action Cllr Nicholson.**

Charcon have offered to make two benches to be sited around the two lakes. The clerk will contact Charcon to remind them. **Action Clerk.**

The gorse around the north lake is rapidly taking over. Martin Bingham is to be asked for his assistance again in pulling it out. **Action Jerry Kershaw**

The temporary steps on the south lake will need action. Various suggestions were taken on board.

The wet area on the other side of the south lake is an area for concern. As the area is difficult to access with materials it was suggested re-directing the path. A diversion sign is to be erected.

The self set oak trees are growing well. A working party is to be arranged to prune the lower branches to encourage stronger growth. It was suggested they may be a possible income in future years.

The main gate and stile on Neatholme Lane require attention. The clerk is to ask North Notts Landscapes for a price to repair. **Action Clerk**

Finance Report – 2014/2015

Total Cash reserves are £111,317.90, slightly down on last year.

Last year's costs were just over £1271.41 mainly paid to Holmes Groundcare for annual maintenance.

Recent expenditure has been as expected; main bills to pay in the future will be for maintenance work in the winter and annual insurance. The budget is unchanged from last year.

Cllr Jones has been looking at ways for the funds to earn more interest than the 0.45 percent it currently earns. To date nothing appears viable as the money is linked to Parish Council funds. The clerk is to ask NALC for advice.

Action Clerk

Health and Safety

Nothing new to report.

Open Forum

Jenny Lane thanked the committee for all their continuing commitment to maintaining the Linghurst Lakes and Woods.

Date of the next meeting

TBA: September 2016 – 8.00 in the Village Hall

Julia Kershaw
Clerk to the Sub-Committee

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