



## Lake Working Group Meeting Minutes

held on 17<sup>th</sup> July 2024, Committee Room, Village Centre.

Present: Cllr Bridget Culley (Chair) (BC), Cllr Jeanette Davies (JD), Charlotte Rimmer (CR), Alex Martin (AM), Cllr Dave Peart (DP), George Stephenson (GS).

In attendance: Maxine Owen (Clerk) (MO)      Members of the Parish: 0

Meeting start: 18:30

1. **Introduction led by the chair:** General welcome to committee members, and a specific welcome to George Stephenson a member of the Fishing Syndicate.
2. Time for Public Speaking: Not required. An open invitation for George Stephenson to speak throughout the meeting.
3. Apologies for absence: None
4. Declarations of interest: None

### 5. **Topic 1: Meeting with Fishing Syndicate**

- 5.1 Summary of Discussion: CR requested that a meeting with the syndicate members was really important for input into the Lake Management Plan. The stabilisation of the bank needs some work, and brushwood mattresses on the water's edge will help reeds expand on the edge which also makes good habitat for bird-life and invertebrates to feed the fish. Suitable areas will need to be identified in collaboration with the fishing syndicate.

It was agreed that a clear agenda for that meeting should be shared with the Fishing Syndicate via AM, and an opportunity given to the Fishing Syndicate to add any items they wish to discuss at the meeting also.

The venue for the meeting was discussed. The clerk explained that it would not be appropriate for the PC to pick up the expense of a meeting at the local pub with taxpayers money, so the village hall would be booked once a date is agreed, possibly retiring to the pub afterwards.

AM agreed to send an email to members of the syndicate with details of the proposed meeting and suggested dates.

Dates for a meeting were proposed. See list of dates at the end of this document.

**ACTION:** Email Fishing Syndicate members concerning meeting in September – **AM**

**ACTION:** Put together an Agenda for Fishing Syndicate Meeting – **CLERK & BC**

### 6. **Topic 2: Trees**

- 6.1 Summary of Discussion: AM & GS requested that they wished to carry out some minor tree work in the lake surround. There are certain limbs that they are hoping to remove to make fishing access easier. Both offered to do this work themselves. MO advised that although the offer is gladly received it is complicated by the need to ensure the correct permissions are in place, that the individuals' insurance is in place and appropriate for the work, and that there is a plan in place to dispose of arisings from the work. Any expenses (such as the hiring of a chipper) would need to be approved by full council. MO, GS & AM agreed to meet to

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understand the trees and limbs involved and work out the next steps.

**ACTION: Meet to identify trees involved – Clerk, GS & AM**

**7 Topic 3: Lake Water Condition**

7.1 Summary of discussion: It was suggested that bales of barley straw in the lake would help with the clarity of the water. The cost and source of these would need to be investigated, along with the process required. CR pointed out that a cycle of introduction and removal of the later rotting bales would need to be managed correctly.

It was reiterated by AM that there is a need to deal with the fallen willows in the lake area. They will be affecting the flow of the water round the lake and are likely to be contributing to a gradual silting up. The approval from BDBC has come through for the PC to look at dealing with the fallen willows on the island. Costs and appropriate action to be investigated.

**ACTION: Understand process for bales – ALL**

**ACTION: Investigate appropriate source and costing for bales – ALL**

**ACTION: Gain quotes for dealing with the willows on the islands - Clerk**

**8 Topic 4: Fishing Syndicate Contract**

8.1 Summary of discussion: GS suggested that it might be suitable to start the Fishing License Agreement on 1<sup>st</sup> January each year. All committee members agreed (as had previously) that was indeed possible if this works better for the Fishing Syndicate. MO advised that as the budgeting cycle starts in October/November each year for the Parish Council the price to the Fishing Syndicate for the following year could easily be agreed for a 1<sup>st</sup> January start. In the change-over year a simple adjustment could be made to the Q4/Q1 invoices from the Parish, the payments in from syndicate members is for AM to organise.

**ACTION: Confirm that the Fishing Syndicate wishes to go ahead with a 1<sup>st</sup> Jan start - AM**

**9 Topic 5: Nettle Spraying**

9.1 Summary of Discussion: It was agreed to chase up the nettle spraying with Scofell.

**ACTION: Chase Scofell for Nettle Spraying – Clerk**

<b>10</b>	<b>Topic 6: General Discussion</b>
10.1	<p>Summary of Discussion: The committee discussed hedge laying at the Derry Down end of the lake surround. Interest from volunteers would need to be gathered. CR to run the day. It was agreed that CR would investigate prices and supplier of Stakes and Binders which would need to be purchased for the day. Information to be provided to MO to get PC approval and make necessary purchase.</p> <p>There was a short discussion about riverbank restoration. Wessex Rivers Trust is now driving this initiative. The current need for works in St Mary Bourne should be investigated. Further discussion required at next meeting.</p> <p>Himalayan Balsam appears to be under control along the Bourne Rivulet in this parish and round the Lake in St Mary Bourne. A note that any found should be reported and dealt with appropriately.</p> <p><b>ACTION: Stakes and Binders prices &amp; supplier options investigated – CR</b>  <b>ACTION: Appropriate approval and purchase of stakes and binders – Clerk</b>  <b>ACTION: Advise of available date in January for Hedge Laying – CR</b>  <b>ACTION: Add Riverbank Restoration to next working group meeting agenda – Clerk</b>  <b>ACTION: Details of how to deal with/who to contact about Himalayan Balsam to be added to PC website - CLERK</b></p>

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**11 Topic 7: Meetings**

11.1 Summary of Discussion: The committee agreed a schedule of meetings.

Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 – Lake Volunteer Morning to do general tidy up. JD to organise poster and list of tasks.

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Fishing Syndicate members meeting. Committee Room in the village centre at 18:30. MO to book hall and co-ordinate agenda. AM to email members to invite and ask for agenda items. Move to The George for drinks after.

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024 – OPEN Lake Committee Meeting. Main Hall of village centre at 19:30. MO to book hall and co-ordinate agenda.

January 2025 – Hedge Laying Volunteer Day – exact date to be confirmed.

**Date of next meeting: To be Confirmed**

Meeting end: 19:35

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