

Minutes of TOTH Lake Management Committee (LMC) 15 March 2023

LMC 23.01 Chair's welcoming remarks - Cllr Lyons (Chair) opened and chaired the meeting.

LMC 23.02 Public time no public in attendance

LMC 23.03 Lake Management Committee

1. Membership: Cllr Sheldon MBE, Cllr Lyons (Chair), Cllr Greaves, Cllr Bindley, Mr R Spaight (Featherbenders and Flyfishers), Mr O Chapple (27th Lincoln Scouts), Mr T Magri, Vacancy (Parishioners)

Deputies Mr B Hopkinson (Featherbenders and Flyfishers), Mr F Firth (27th Lincoln Scouts), Mrs S Lyons and Mrs A Houghton (Parishioners)

2. **Present:** Cllr R Sheldon MBE, Cllr N Lyons (Chair), Cllr M Bindley, Mr Firth, Mr Magri, Mr Spaight, K Vickers (Parish Clerk)
3. Apologies: Mr Chapple
4. Declaration of interest and declaration of gifts and hospitality over £25: none

LMC 23.04 Minutes of the meeting of 05 October 2022 were accepted as a true record.

LMC 23.05 Review of outstanding agreed actions

The following actions were discussed and agreed actions from the discussions noted in italics

Date	Actions	By whom	Appendix
Nov 2022	Cllr Lyons and Bindley to carry out the inspection on ash die back. <i>To be progressed weather permitting.</i>	Cllr Lyons Cllr Bindley	
Oct 2022	Consideration of the installation of a new path. <i>It was decided that it wasn't necessary to install a new path.</i>	All	

All actions from previous meetings have been completed or listed above

LMC 23.06 Financial matters

a. Expenditure to report

Date paid	Payable to	Details of Expenditure	Total inc VAT
25/01/2023	CFS Fencing	Fencing	£1566.30
08/03/2023	M Bindley	Wooden post	£9.80
08/03/2023	Taylor Tree Services	Tree work	£205.00

b. Income to note – 0

c. Budget £2000 Spend £1745.53

d. The Featherbenders 5 year licence has been agreed with amended designated areas. See map. **Appendix A**

- e. Scouts Lease. Councillors Lyons and Bindley will be having a meeting with the Scouts next week to discuss the needs/requirements of the Scouts. The current lease expires 14 March 2023 and the terms of the lease will continue until the new lease is in place.

LMC 23.07 Correspondence received and noted - the committee have received correspondence regarding the plinth for the bench. It was decided to source an alternative contractor or failing that, forming a working party to do the work themselves. **Action All**

LMC 23.08 Review of the completed current monthly lake inspection report from Mr Chapple.

1. Fence – the fences that are damaged are on the boundary of Tarmac’s land. It was felt that if the fences were repaired, people visiting the lake at this point would merely find another way in.
2. Water level – with the water levels varying over the lake, it was felt that installing a water level post would not serve a purpose.

Additional points – to the left of the main gate, the path to the adjoining lake that used to be blocked is now open and being used. It was felt that if the path was blocked up again, visitors wanting to access the adjoining lake would find another way. Access issues are unfortunately difficult to enforce.

The redundant notices have been removed.

Point 4 on the monthly inspection – lifebuoy. It was agreed to tighten up the report to include checking the ropes for the lifebuoys and to check the legal obligation. **Action Parish Clerk**

The nettles on the railway side of the lake are getting overgrown and becoming a problem. It was agreed to lift and cut back the nettles and add this to the grass cutting regime while still protecting the wildlife areas. Councillor Lyons will be meeting with the contractor to discuss this. **Action Councillor Lyons**

Councillor Sheldon informed the meeting he had been approached by a tree surgeon who was interested in doing some work at the lake in a training capacity to assist his apprentices. It was agreed to have a meeting to discuss this. **Action Councillor Sheldon**

LMC 23.09 Verbal Reports from user groups

1. Wildlife Group

Mr Magri informed the meeting that he was pleasantly surprised that last years’ drought had not caused the damage he had feared and wanted to thank everyone who had assisted with the watering and was happy to see the new tree’s budding.

All 6 nesting boxes had nests resulting in around 50 new Blue Tits.

The Snowdrops, Aconites and Crocus have survived the drought and are in bloom and the daffodils are starting to appear.

As a result of the reduced water levels, the reeds in the north west corner are in danger of drying out and dying. If this problem persists, it may be necessary to move the reeds, so they are at least partially submerged. The fishing club advised they would be happy to assist with this work.

There is a gap between the recently installed fencing where it meets the old fencing all along the northern edge. The old fencing which has fallen is a triple layer of wire and gets buried in the undergrowth. This is a potential hazard for children, dogs, and wildlife.

As the fence no longer serves a purpose, the question is what to do with it. NKDC have been asked if they would take it away once bundled and they have agreed.

It was decided to try a small section first to decide upon the best method for removal.

2. Scouts

Nothing to report.

3. Lincoln Featherbenders and Flyfishers

The fishing club reported they had experienced problems with the drought last year and had an abysmal return to the 2.5 tonne of fish they had put in the lake and are seeking advice from The Environment Agency before putting in any fish this year.

The first cut of the season will be done in April and the club advised they intend to leave some patches uncut again to encourage wildflower etc.

LMC 23.10 Date of next meeting – the next meeting will be in June 2023. Date to be confirmed.

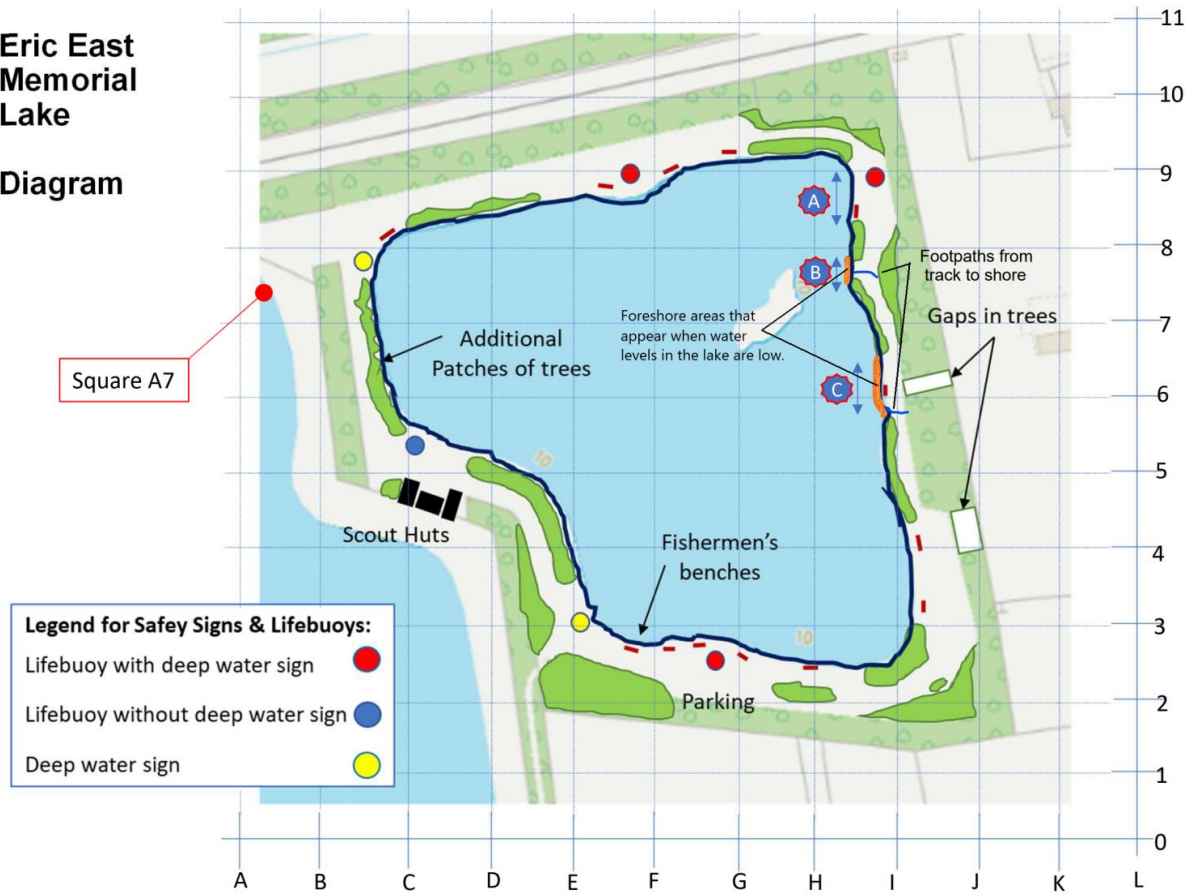
Meeting closed at 20:15.

Appendix A –

Map of the Lake and designated areas

Eric East Memorial Lake

Diagram



6.1 No fishing will be permitted in Area A, which will be designated a wildlife zone, managed by the Wildlife Group.

6.2 Areas B and C will also be designated wildlife zones, managed by the Wildlife Group. No fishing will be permitted in these areas when the water level in the lake is normal. When water levels in the lake are low, foreshore areas emerge (as shown on the map). Tracks will be maintained through Areas B and C (as shown on the map) to enable fishing from any emergent foreshores in these areas. Fishing in these emergent foreshore areas will only be permitted when the water level of the lake makes safe access possible. No entry into the water in order to fish is permitted.