

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

LMC 23.023 Chair's welcoming remarks – Councillor Bindley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

LMC 23.024 Public time no public in attendance

LMC 23.025 Lake Management Committee

1. Membership: Cllr Sheldon MBE, Cllr Lyons, Cllr Bindley, Cllr Bramford, 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:** Councillor Lyons, Bindley and Bramford (Vice Chair), Mr Magri, Mr Chapple, Mr Jenkinson on behalf of the Fishing Group, Kerrie Vickers (Parish Clerk)
3. Apologies: None
4. Declaration of interest and declaration of gifts and hospitality over £25: none

LMC 23.026 Minutes of the meeting of 19 July 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.

LMC 23.027 Review of outstanding agreed actions

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

Date	Actions	By whom	Appendix
March 2023	Boundary fencing. <i>Following the initial trial to remove the redundant fencing, it was hoped that the vegetation would die back to make the fencing more accessible, but this has not happened yet due to the current climate.</i> This will be looked at again in the Spring.	All	

All actions from previous meetings have been completed or listed above

LMC 23.028 Financial matters

- a. The following expenditure was authorised

09.08.2023	Bulbs	£252.13
16.10.2023	Installation of plinth	£280.00
16.10.2023	Grass cutting	£125.00

- b. The following income was noted

27.09.2023	Scouts licence	£100.00
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- c. The following financial report was noted.

Budget £2000.00	Total Spend £767.13
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LMC 23.029 Lake Inspection Reports.

i Additional life ring. A life ring, similar to the one provided by the PC was previously attached to one of the scout containers at the lake but was taken down and stored and only brought out when scouting was in progress by order of the previous Parish Clerk. The scout groups would like to reinstate the life ring to fill a gap between the existing rings and consider it a worthwhile contribution to the community.

It was agreed that the Scouts could reinstate the life ring on a permanent basis.

ii The sign at the entrance keeps falling over and is not clearly visible. A solution would be to drill a couple of holes and using cable ties as a means of securing.

Mr Chapple agreed to attend to the sign.

iii A marked stake driven into the lake bottom so that levels can be monitored would be useful and be an interesting feature for parishioners as well as a help with the monthly lake survey.

Councillor Lyons agreed to look into this and report back to the next meeting.

LMC 23.030 Verbal Report from Wildlife Group

The first lot of bulbs (Tenby daffodils) were planted by a group from the 27th Lincoln Scouts, their leaders and some parents.

Aconites were planted in a similar area a few days later. What3words reference for one of the areas. dreamers.crisp.aunts

On recent visits to the lake, the water has been dominated by 6 swans (sometimes 8) and over 70 Canada geese. Following the final grass cut of the year, a group of 9 volunteers spent the morning raking up the cuttings and disposing of them in the wooded areas. The cuttings had formed a thick mat in places and this would inhibit growth if not removed.

Some of the volunteers removed the many small saplings which have thrived in some areas. In a wilder environment, many of these saplings would be removed by grazers or browsers but there are few of these at the lake and so human intervention is necessary.

A big thank you to everyone who helped. There is a need to have working parties on a regular basis if the lake area is to be managed in the best way for wildlife.

LMC 23.031 Verbal Report from Scouts Group

Mr Chapple advised that the Scouts had only managed to get onto the lake on less than a handful of occasions this year but had enjoyed other activities.

LMC 23.032 Verbal Report from Fishing Group.

Mr Jenkinson advised that the president had retired, and a new committee will be formed at the AGM and the Lake Management Committee updated with the details of the new committee.

LMC 23.033 Date of next meeting. 20 March 2024

Meeting closed at 19:30