

Minutes of TOTH Lake Management Committee (LMC)

20 March 2024

LMC 24.001 Chair's welcoming remarks – Councillor Bindley welcomed everyone to the meeting.

LMC 24.002 Lake Management Committee

Membership: Cllr Bindley, Cllr Bramford, Cllr Sheldon MBE, Cllr Lyons, Mr S Page (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)

LMC 24.003 Present: Councillor's Bindley, Bramford and Sheldon, Tony Magri, Oliver Chapple, Brian Hopkinson, Kerrie Vickers (Parish Clerk)

LMC24.004 Apologies: Councillor Lyons

LMC 24.005 Public time no public in attendance

LMC 24.006 Declaration of interest and declaration of gifts and hospitality over £25: none

LMC 24.007 Minutes of the meeting of 15 November 2023 were accepted and signed as a true record.

LMC 24.008 Review of outstanding agreed actions. The following actions were discussed.

Date	Actions	By whom
March 2023	Removal of redundant fencing. The fencing on the northern boundary has been removed or made safe. The compound needs to be removed. Hoping to proceed when weather permits.	Nick, Mark, Tony
November 2023	Water level indicator. Cllr Brindley advised that he had safety concerns, and a risk assessment would be necessary. Mr Hopkinson advised the fishing club may be able to assist and it was agreed to look at this again once the water level had receded.	Oliver, Nick, fishing club.

All actions from previous meetings have been completed or listed above

LMC 24.009 Financial matters

a. The following expenditure was authorised

11/12/2023	Steve North	Grass cutting	200.00
10/01/2024	Lloyds Bank	Wildflower bulbs	142.99

b. The following income was noted - £0

c. The following financial report was noted - Budget £2000.00 Total Spend £1110.12

LMC 24.010 Lake Inspection Reports.

Mr Chapple gave his inspection report and advised that all the safety rings have been checked regularly and signs firmed up where necessary. Some of the pathways are now getting muddy and no doubt slippery to the unwary however common sense should mean that walkers will be careful. Water level is higher than it has been and the

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island smaller. No overhanging shrubbery or dangerous trees to worry about and the uneven ground is mainly due to moles.

On the south/east area there are quite a number of fallen trees/branches and this might be a problem when topping is done. Mr Chapple suggested forming a small working party to clear them.

It was agreed that Mr Chapple should form and lead a small working party following the submission of a risk assessment and dispose of the debris as he sees fit.

There were the usual small amounts of litter but nothing of consequence.

Mr Chapple advised the committee that he felt the monthly check sheets are very tedious and in his opinion serve no purpose and suggested that in future it should be sufficient for the committee to rely on a report presented to the Lake Management Committee meeting with the proviso that should anything be seen as urgent then it is brought to the attention of the secretary (Kerrie) to be dealt with as necessary.

This will be an action for discussion at the next meeting.

LMC 24.011 Verbal Report from Wildlife Group

Mr Magri gave his report and advised that the bulbs seem to have had their best year so far and most of the bulbs planted in the autumn and "In the Green " in late January have been successful.

Best of all are the Tenby Daffodils which were planted by the Scouts at the end of last year.

There have been more aconites than ever before, and the snow drops have been very successful this year. The newly planted blue bells are just beginning to show themselves and many of those from previous plantings are looking healthy.

There are encouraging signs of wood anemones appearing round the lake and the crocuses have put on a good display of colour below the Walnut Tree in the southeast corner.

Trees Mr Magri advised that he was hoping that the wet weather has given all the newly planted trees and hedging plants a chance to develop a decent root system.

It was agreed to have an agenda item for the next meeting regarding the hedge planting behind the Scout huts.

Fencing The fencing on the northern boundary has been removed or made safe.

LMC 24.012 Verbal Report from Scouts Group

No news to report.

LMC 24.013 Verbal Report from Fishing Group.

Mr Hopkinson advised that the club were about to do a major stocking of the lake in the coming week and explained that they were suffering from the loss of the fish because of cormorants and asked if it would be possible to install some type of scarecrow/mannequin on the island.

It was agreed that this would be an item for discussion on the next agenda.

LMC 24.014 Date of next meeting 24th July 2024

Meeting closed at 19:23