

# Minutes of Thorpe on the Hill Lake Management Committee (LMC) 29<sup>th</sup> October 2025 at 7pm at the Oliver Roper Village Hall

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## **Lake Management Committee**

### **LMC 25.10.01**

Membership: Cllr Bramford, Cllr Lyons, Cllr Sheldon MBE, Mr P Firth (Featherbenders and Flyfishers), Mr O Chapple (27th Lincoln Scouts), Mr T Magri.

Deputies Mr K Marshall (Featherbenders and Flyfishers), Mr F Firth (27<sup>th</sup> Lincoln Scouts), Mrs S Lyons and Mrs A Houghton (Parishioners)

**Present:** Councillor's Lyons and Sheldon, Mr Chapple, Mr P Firth, Mr Magri, Kerrie Vickers (Parish Clerk), 2 members of the public.

**LMC 25.10.02** Chair's welcoming remarks and apologies for absence.

Councillor Lyons welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Apologies: Apologies were received and accepted from Councillor Bramford.

**LMC 25.10.03** Public time.

A member of the public introduced themselves to the committee and explained that they were there as a representative of several residents of the village who regularly visit the lake.

Concerns were raised about some negative encounters for visitors with some of the fishing club members in relation to dog walkers. Concerns were also raised about some lack of care taken when back casting.

Concerns were also made about the reed beds that are to be left uncut to encourage reed warblers and the fact that they had been cut during the summer.

The fishing club member present advised that they had not cut the reeds, and it is therefore unclear what has happened and agreed that members would be reminded that the reeds are to be left.

Mr Firth (fishing club Chairman) expressed his deep regret for these instances of negative behaviour and agreed that the members would be reminded that the site is a multi-use facility which includes the admission of dogs. The club rules are due to be reviewed in February and will be amended if necessary.

A member of the public reported that the access track was getting overgrown with trees and asked if this could be addressed. Cllr Lyons advised that he would pass this on to the operative who does some work for the Parish Council at the lake to add this to their schedule.

**LMC 25.10.04** Declaration of interest and declaration of gifts and hospitality over £25: none

**LMC 25.10.05** Minutes of the meeting of 9<sup>th</sup> April 2025 were accepted and signed as a true record

**LMC 25.10.06** Lake Inspection Report

Mr Chapple advised that his most recent inspection had been very pleasant with no points of concern and very little litter or dog poo.

He added that he was very surprised to hear that a resident had just removed a large quantity of empty alcohol cans as he had felt that the littering problem had improved.

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The water level indicator was at 0.9 which is incredibly low.

**LMC 25.10.07** Review of outstanding agreed actions. No outstanding items.

**LMC 25.01.08** Financial matters

a. The following items of expenditure were authorised.

10.06.2025	Lloyds Corporate Credit Card	Safety signs	-	<b>154.44</b>
03.09.2025	Oliver North	Grass cutting at Lake	-	<b>180.00</b>
01.10.2025	Lincoln Featherbenders	Supplies for bench repairs at lake	-	<b>65.00</b>
10.09.2025	Lloyds Corporate Credit Card	Wildlife bulbs	-	<b>126.99</b>

b. The following items of income were noted

08.04.2025	Lincoln Featherbenders	Licence fee	£1000.00
22.10.2025	27th Lincoln Scout Group	Licence fee	£100.00

c. Financial Report Noted

Budget £2000.00    Total Spend £521.44

**LMC 25.10.09** Report from Wildlife Group

Mr Magri advised that he and Cllr Lyons had recently been to the site to remove the fallen branches from the areas where due to be cut and unfortunately disturbed a hornet's nest. The were both stung with Mr Magri resulting in a visit to A and E the following day.

The application for 5 more fruit trees has been successful and are due to arrive next month. Volunteers have already been identified to plant and adopt a tree. The current proposal is to plant them in a row on the bend between the wood pile and the existing orchard. Some clearing will need to be done first to provide enough space.

The 2 giant bug hotels are now complete and are gradually being filled with suitable materials.

Following the final cut of the grass, a working party will be organised to carry out the following tasks: removal of grass cutting's; strimming; clearing the area for the new orchard; bulb planting and seed planting.

Mr Chapple asked if the Scouts could be involved with the bulb planting which was noted by Mr Magri.

**LMC 25.10.10** Report from Scouts Group

Mr Chapple was happy to report that the Scouts groups have had a lots of fun on the lake this year in their kayaks and intended to do more next year.

The hedge planted at the rear of the containers has not survived the summer and another hedge will be put in at the appropriate time.

**LMC 25.10.11** Report from Fishing Group.

Mr Firth thanked the Parish Council for the offer to reconsider the licence fee if the club were in financial difficulties and was pleased to say that this wasn't necessary. The membership has increased and is not at capacity.

Mr Firth confirmed that when the club are at the site performing tasks outside of their fishing activities, they are covered by the terms of their insurance.

The request for the disabled access has now been withdrawn.

Mr Firth added that he is most anxious that the site must be recognised as a multi-use facility and care and consideration for all users would be instilled into the members.

**LMC 25.10.12** Date of next meeting 1<sup>st</sup> April 2026

Cllr Lyons thanked everyone for their contributions and the meeting closed at 8:20pm.