

**Report from the St Mary Bourne Recreation Ground & Lake Committee Meeting
Held on Tuesday 26 March 2019 at 5:30pm in the Club Room, Village Centre**

Those present: The chair, David Peart, Cllrs Bridget Culley, Tony Grunsell and Gwen Randall.

In attendance: Alex Martin, Fishing Syndicate, Derek Munnion, Model Yacht Club and the clerk Jo Exelby

1. Introduction by the Chair

2. Apologies for absence: Cllr Tony Styles

3. Declaration of interests: None

4. Discuss lake environs

Resolved: It was agreed that there are no major problems, although there are molehills on the Eastern side of the lake to keep under review. Derek noted that there had less weed growth than normal during the last year. Alex noted that the level of the lake is down at the moment and that the aquifer is low. Alex further noted that there are a few trees down on the island at the Derrydown end of the lake. The chair noted that if either group experience any problems, they should let the clerk know. The further chair noted that the new grounds maintenance contractor will start cutting from 1 May and that there are 5 cuts scheduled. Cllr Culley noted that she and the clerk had undertaken a survey yesterday and suggested that another life buoy is needed in the South-Eastern corner. The clerk was instructed to order.

5. Notification of lake user fees for 2019-20

Resolved: The clerk noted that the fees for the upcoming financial year would be £3,070 for the Fishing Syndicate, invoiced quarterly, and £155 for the Model Yacht Club, invoiced annually.

6. Receive report on the Fishing Syndicate from Alex Martin

Resolved: Alex noted that there are currently 15 members in the syndicate, who each pay an annual fee to cover the rent and stocking costs and have unlimited access to fishing. He has order the fish for the year and they will be delivered shortly. He asked whether there will be more general access to the lake and the chair confirmed that there are no current plans to allow access, which would be difficult because of the terms under which the lake was given to the parish council.

7. Receive report on the Model Yacht Club from Derek Munnion

Resolved: Derek noted that there are currently 6 members of the club who use the lake and they sail most Sundays. Lots of club members go instead to Hawley because of the weed problem, although the weed was much reduced last year, probably because of the drought.

8. Agree action plan following tree survey

Resolved: It was agreed to prioritise work on the trees that need ivy removing so they can be re-surveyed. It was further agreed that the clerk should arrange a meeting with Toby Bunce to go through the survey and agree a programme of work. The clerk noted that she has received feedback from Dave Harris that the survey will greatly assist in the applications for tree work.

9. Approve R&L policies, including Health & Safety Policy and Playground Risk Management Policies

Resolved: It was agreed to recommend the approval of the Health & Safety Policy and Playground Risk Management Policies. The policies regarding the use of land, assets and facilities were deferred to the next meeting.

10. Consider fire & electrical audits at the pavilion

Resolved: It was agreed that the clerk should prepare a risk assessment to be taken to the next Full Council meeting, which should address the fire and electrical risks at the pavilion. It was further agreed that the clerk should arrange for an Electrical Installation Condition Report for the pavilion together with PAT testing for the kitchen appliances. Cllr Grunsell agreed to find out whether the Bowling Club appliances also needed testing at the same time.

The meeting closed at 6.15pm.

**Jo Exelby
Clerk, St. Mary Bourne Parish Council
27 March 2019**