

Hutton Cranswick Parish Council
Minutes of the Meeting of the Gatehouse Lake Management Committee
held in the Methodist Chapel Hall, Main Street, Cranswick,
on Wednesday, 2nd November, 2016 at 7.00 pm.

Present: Councillors: Mrs Johnson, Poolford, Richardson, Scullion, Mrs Thurlow.

Parishioners present: One

The clerk recorded the minutes.

16/GHL 001 Appointment of Chairman: Cllr Mrs Johnson was elected as Chairman (proposed Cllr Scullion/seconded Cllr Richardson).

16/GHL 002 Apologies: No apologies received.

16/GHL 003 Appointment of Vice Chairman: a Vice Chairman was not appointed at this stage.

16/GHL 004 Declaration of interests: None

16/GHL 005 Terms of Reference: the Parish Council established the Committee on 26th October, 2016 (minute 16/273 refers). Membership comprised Cllrs Mrs Johnson, Poolford, Richardson, Scullion and Mrs Thurlow. The Committee recommended the following Terms of Reference (proposed Cllr Richardson /seconded Cllr Scullion):

1. The Committee is Advisory with the Full Council making final decisions.
2. The Committee shall meet four times a year as a minimum.
3. The quorum is 50% of the Membership.
4. To recommend the strategy to manage the Lake in the best interests of the Community.
5. To oversee all actions taken at the Lake
6. To identify organisations that the Council could work with in partnership in managing the Lake.
7. To recommend financial investment requirements for the Lake.
8. To review the Terms of Reference of the Committee at the first meeting of the Committee, after the Annual General Meeting of the Council and make appropriate recommendations to the Council

16/GHL 006 Programme of meetings: a programme would be determined following the agreement of the strategic aims and objectives.

16/GHL 007 Strategy aims and objectives: reference was made to the 1995 planning decision in approving the construction of a wildlife and fishing pond. In addition to this approval, it was key to focus on how the Lake was to be managed in the best interests of the community. The Committee deferred making final recommendations on the Strategy pending the receipt of information commissioned from a number of specialists and the Environment Agency.

16/GHL 008 Current situation: Members discussed the activity that had been carried out at the Lake and the impact on the wildlife habitat since late spring. There were differing views as to the level of benefit that had been achieved. Members accepted that matters of concern would be addressed when formulating the Strategy.

16/GHL 009 Next Steps: - a number of ways forward were suggested. An action plan would be drawn up after finalising the Strategy.

16/GHL 010 Next Meeting: - to be confirmed.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.15 pm.

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