

**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, 30th November, 2016 at 7.00 pm.**

Present: Councillors: Mrs Johnson (in the Chair), Poolford, Richardson, Scullion

Parishioners present: Three

The clerk recorded the minutes.

16/GHL 011 Apologies: Cllr Mrs Thurlow

16/GHL 012 Declaration of interests: None

16/GHL 013 Minutes - Resolved - that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd November, 2016 should be confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.

16/GHL 014 Habitat Management Plan November 2016 – at its meeting on the 23 November, 2016 (minute 16/299 refers) the Parish Council resolved that the Plan be used in formulating the Strategy in managing the Lake. Members discussed the Plan together with additional information received from the ecologist regarding water vole conservation, management of marginal plants, trees and hedges and suggestions on the dipping pond. The Plan would be made available to interested parties.

16/GHL 015 Management Plan - the Plan drafted following the last meeting was to be reviewed in line with the Habitat Management Plan. At present no further advice was required from specialist advisors.

16/GHL 016 Next Steps: - to meet on the 18th December at the Lake and to draw up an accurate habitat survey map. The survey map would incorporate the Management Advice in the Habitat Management Plan.

Cllr Scullion informed Members of the requirement of the Parish Council to comply with the Natural Environmental and Rural Communities Act 2006 referring in particular to the duty of care to conserve biodiversity. Section 41 contained a list of species and habitats needing priority action. Cllr Scullion considered that of immediate concern to the Council was once common locally-occurring mammals which are becoming very rare, including water vole, otter, hedgehog and brown hare.

The work in managing the weed previously approved by the Parish Council was to continue. The jute matting trial was not to commence until February 2017.

16/GHL 017 Next Meeting: - 18th December, 2016 commencing at 10 am at the Lake.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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