

COFTON LAKE CONSERVATION LTD

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FEB 21ST 2007

PRESENT: Diane Carr – Secretary
Sue Garvey – Treasurer
Colin Jones
John Owen
Simon Munn
Katie & Mark Bradley
Dave Townshend – White Swan Piscatorials
Ian Marson “ “

The previous minutes had been sent to all Committee members and were approved.

Signs:

Dave Townshend brought a sample of the ‘No Swimming’ signs which were approved. They are to be erected as soon as possible. It was pointed out that cars were parking across the gate access and a ‘No Parking’ sign to be put on the gate.

Bridge/Boardwalk:

The steel has now all been delivered and work has started on the building of the bridge. It is hoped that this can be installed sometime during April. As soon as this is complete work will start on the Boardwalk.

Water Level:

British Waterways are currently lowering the water level to expose any void which may be present at the joint with the top step of the weir. Once at this level – approx 1.2m – any defects will be rectified. A constant watch is kept on the water level and British Waterways are keeping us informed of their progress.

Hedgerow:

It seems that the 100 plants have taken but this will not be confirmed until the growing season. It was agreed that more planting should take place in the Autumn.

Website:

Simon Munn informed the Committee that the new website had now been installed. Simon to insert the minutes of meetings and also the AGM.

Dog Fouling:

Colin Jones reported that this was becoming a problem but he knew of two owners who allowed their dogs to run around without a lead. He will have a word with the people concerned.

Fishing Club:

Ian Marson pointed out that more and more Cormorants had been spotted and they were becoming a problem. The Fishing Club have spent a lot of money on stocking the lake and they were thinking of applying for a licence to shoot them. Secretary pointed out that a lot of people purchased a share

in order to protect the wildlife and this could cause a problem. However, a licence may not be granted and it was decided to discuss this at a future meeting.

Accountant:

Secretary informed the Committee that the Accountant to be changed. A bill had been received for £470 for our year-end accounts and as we have a Chartered Accountant as one of our members he had kindly offered to carry out this work in the future free of charge. He will be at the AGM and will be introduced to all present. It was agreed that the new registered office be 19 Cofton Lake Road as this is where Committee meetings are held and Memorandum and Articles of Association are kept.

A.G.M.

Confirmation that the hall is available has been received and it was decided that the format for the AGM be similar to the previous year. John Owen to inform the floor that the Directors and Committee Members are willing to stand for a further term and ask if anyone is interested in joining the Committee.

Secretary pointed out that next year's AGM should be held in March/April in order that the accounts can be prepared in time.

Next Meeting:

A.G.M. to be held in Cofton Village Hall on Sunday 25th at 4.00 pm.

Next Committee meeting to be held mid May – Date to be confirmed.