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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 15 of September 2016 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the 5 January 2017 Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

At the AGM, it was decided that the meetings will take a less formal approach and new members will be encouraged. With that in mind, we are planning a pie supper on the 5 January and there will be a general discussion about the future meetings of the group. If possible, please encourage your neighbours and friends to come along and meet us, it would be great to grow the group and get new ideas and input as to how we can continue to support the Hollingworth Lake area.

In the absence of an appointed Chairman, the Committee will take it in turns to Chair meetings as is allowable within the Articles of Association.

Please also find enclosed, minutes from the AGM held on 15 of September 2016 and a copy of the Chairman's report presented to the AGM. Please note that the Accounts / Treasurers Report were circulated with papers in advance of the AGM.

Should anyone have any items for the agenda please contact me before the next meeting so that a revised agenda may be circulated.

Please can you confirm whether you plan to attend, how many people you will bring and whether you require meat / cheese pie. We will be asking for a £3 donation towards the supper.

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 5 January 2017.

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes

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Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 5 January 2017 at 7.30pm at Hollingworth Lake Visitors Centre

DRAFT AGENDA

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Apologies for Absence
3. Approval of minutes of meeting on 15 September 2016
4. Update on Hollingworth Lake services
5. Opportunities to enhance visitor experience – discussion

Planning Solutions Consulting has been commissioned to look at opportunities to enhance the visitor experience at the country park and lake we have been asked to provide some information against the following;

1. It would be good to know your views on what you feel currently works well at Hollingworth Country Park and Lake.
2. In terms of enhancing the visitor experience it would also be good to understand what you feel could be improved or introduced at Hollingworth Country Park and Lake, for example (please respond in space below each category where applicable):
 - Visitor infrastructure – including car parking, trails around the site
 - Opportunities for learning e.g. interpretation, courses
 - Activities (wet and dry) e.g. adventure play, high ropes, play trails, water-based
 - Catering and retail
 - Events
 - Enterprise activities e.g. bike hire, camping
 - Other ideas for country park and/or lake
3. Are there any no go options for the Country Park or any development initiatives you would not like to see introduced?
6. Ongoing projects and future plans – general discussion
 - Sensory garden – maintenance and upkeep
 - Events
 - Future plans / meetings of the group
 - Wildlife Update
7. Any other business
8. Date / Time of next meetings

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre;

30th March 2017

29th July 2017

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING 15 September 2016**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Smith (RS), Chair & Member, Rae Street, Committee member & Member, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary and Member, Jim Taylor, Committee member and Member, Peter Thornton, Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Member, Jean Bogg, member, D Greenwood, Member, J Greenwood, Member, P Carline, Member, Resident from 9 Highlands. Cllr A Stott, Member.

OFFICERS

Adam Clayton, RMBC Ranger

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

2. Apologies for Absence

Al Shingler, Irene Davidson, Tony Rumbelow, Annie Bracken, Maggie Muir, Nigel Eves, Barry Cropper, Steph Mills.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 26 May 2016 were agreed as a correct record. V Ashworth and R Street.

4. Matters Arising

RS explained that Adam Clayton had discussed the use of the size of delivery truck to deliver to the Pavilion with the owners. It was noted that this would be escalated within RMBC if not resolved.

There were no further matters arising that were not due for discussion under the agenda items.

5. Correspondence

It was noted that plans for running the Lake continued to be under discussion. There was understood to be some dispute about the use of the revenues from the car parking. It was also understood that the current leaseholders leases would roll over until a new organisation had been appointed to run the Lake.

6. Treasurers Report

RS confirmed that that as at 8 September 2016, balances were as follows;
Standard account - £512.51

Project - £0

The meeting discussed whether there were any maps relating to Rakewood Road, RS agreed to try and locate these.

7. Report from Rangers

AC provided detail around the written report provided. Please see attached

In addition

Point 4 – it was noted that May was probably the best time of year to balsam bash. It was noted that the Mills' has also been spraying. There had been some removal of ragwort in the area.

Point 7 – work to plant heritage fruit trees would commence on Monday 19 September

Discussions were ongoing to create a wood shelter to support events and possibly an outdoor theatre.

8. Update / Discussion –

Projects

CCTV had been successfully installed in the bird box and bird feeding station. The camera in the bird box had become defective and had since been changed to a new upgraded camera.

The transfer of the trim trail had been completed and was now installed at Littleborough Park, this was being well used.

Wildlife

JT provided an update on wildlife seen at the Lake, JT explained that there had been a good selection of dragonflies and damselflies seen at the pond area. Common spotted orchids had been seen in the grassland at the pond area. Work was ongoing to locate and protect from mowing. The bird boxes had not been well utilized this year. JT agreed to check next year.

JT also explained that he wrote a quarterly piece in the Milnrow Parish Church magazine on behalf of the Friends of Group in relation to wildlife issues.

9. Safety issues

The proposed footpath on Rakewood Road had gone to Cabinet and had not been accepted. It was noted that this would be re-submitted to Cabinet again in 17/18.

There was some work underway to improve the footpath in Ealees, 2 radar key gates were being installed and re-surfacing was underway.

P Thornton raised the issue about rats and wasps on Hollingworth Road, it was noted that this was an issue to raise with Environmental Health

It was noted that there was now an automatic closing barrier in place on Hollingworth Road car park, which automatically closed at 6pm.

10. Any other business

It was noted that there was work ongoing within the Civic Trust in relation to mapping footpaths in the area. It was understood that a walks guide would be created and put on an app. It was agreed that R Street would send information about the plans to P Thornton.

P Thornton asked about the discharge from the septic tanks on the footpath to Whittaker, JT explained that the discharge should just be water. Concerns should be raised with Environmental Health.

11. Date for next meeting

All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre;
Thursday 5 January 2017
Thursday 30 March 2017
Thursday 29 June 2017
AGM in September – date to be arranged.

Meeting concluded.

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

15 September 2016

MEMBERS PRESENT

Ray Smith (RS), Chair & Member, Rae Street, Committee member & Member, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary and Member, Jim Taylor, Committee member and Member, Peter Thornton, Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Member, Jean Bogg, member, D Greenwood, Member, J Greenwood, Member, P Carline, Member, Resident from 9 Highlands. Cllr A Stott, Member.

Adam Clayton, RMBC Countryside Services

1. Welcome and Introductions / Minutes of the previous AGM held on the 17 September 2015

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

The minutes of the previous AGM held on the 17 September 2015 were accepted as a true and accurate record. Jim Taylor & Peter Thornton

2. Apologies for Absence

Al Shingler, Irene Davidson, Tony Rumbelow, Annie Bracken, Maggie Muir, Nigel Eves, Barry Cropper, Steph Mills.

3. Report from the Chairman of the Groups activities 2012/13

The members accepted the Chairman's report.

It was agreed that a copy of the Chairman's report would be circulated to all members with the next mail out to members. – JTH

Thanks were recorded to the Chairman for his report and his contribution during the year and for his contribution over the previous years as Chairman. Noting his significant contribution to the group receiving £280,000 over the period 2008-2016.

4. Report and Presentation of the Accounts from the Treasurer

The members considered the Treasurers report. It was noted that the financial year-end was 31st May 2016 and that the figures had been checked by the Independent Examiner and on approval would be submitted to Companies House and the Charity Commission.

As at 31 May 2016, the following amounts were in the accounts;
Standard £3,645.48
Project £11.56

The accounts were approved.

5. Setting Subscriptions

The members agreed to the following annual subscription;

£10 – for all individuals

6. Elections

The Committee was elected as follows;

Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary
Nigel Eves, Treasurer,
Stephanie Mills, Committee member
Ray Smith, Committee member
Rae Street, Committee member responsible for press liaison
Jim Taylor, Committee member and Hollingworth Lake Volunteer.

It was agreed that the role of Chairperson would be circulated around Committee members.

7. Any other business

It was agreed that the reports from the Chairman would be circulated to all members. It was noted that the report from the Treasurer have already been circulated

The future dates of meetings were set for the following year as follows;
All meetings to commence at 7.30pm and be held at the Visitors Centre;
Thursday 5 January 2017
Thursday 30 March 2017
Thursday 29 June 2017
AGM in September – date to be arranged.