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Dear Member

**Friends of Hollingworth Lake**

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016. Please note that the meeting will commence at 7.30pm and will be held at the Visitors Centre.

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

I look forward to seeing you at our meeting on the 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016.

Yours sincerely

*Jane Taylor-Holmes*

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Secretary

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE  
MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2016 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 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015
4. Matters Arising from previous meeting
5. Correspondence
6. Treasurers report
7. Report from Ranger service
8. Nature Ed presentation and questions
9. Any other business
10. Date / Time of next meetings
  - date for next meetings
  - 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016
  - 26<sup>th</sup> May 2016
  - 14 July 2016
  - AGM date to be agreed

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

**ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE  
MEMBERS MEETING 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

IN ATTENDANCE

Ray Smith (RS), Chair & Member, Jim Taylor, Committee member and member, Rae Street, Committee member and member, Steph Mills, Committee member and member, Frank Mills, Member, Kath Mills, Member, Nigel Stanley, Member, Jill Greenwood, Member, Peter Thornton, Member, Cllr Ann Stott, Member

OFFICERS

Mr A Clayton, Ranger service

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

**2. Apologies for Absence**

Pat Carline, Member, Barry Cropper, Vice Chairman and Member, Elizabeth Cropper, Member, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary and Member, Ken Rosbotham, Member, Simon Danczuk MP, Vivienne Ashworth, Member, Tony Rumbelow, Irene Davidson, Member, Nigel Eves, Treasurer and member, Jo-Anna Dobbs, Member, Alistair Shringler, Member

**3. Minutes of previous meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were amended with the addition of a paragraph at section 10 of the minutes as follows;

Jim Taylor raised concerns about a cap that was missing from a number of metal poles within the play area at the Visitors Centre. It was agreed that RS would contact the Playground officer at RMBC to inform them of this issue.

Subject to the amendment, the minutes of the previous meeting held on the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 were agreed as a correct record. Cllr A Stott and S Mills

**4. Matters Arising**

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

**5. Correspondence**

Rakewood road ditch, RS confirmed that he has written to Environmental management immediately after the meeting and had not received a reply. Cllr Anne Stott said she would take the matter up.

Childrens play area. RS had written to the Playground officer and had not yet received a reply. Cllr Stott again said that she would attend to this matter.

RS has written to Adam Clayton re: Ragwort, Himalayan balsam and the footpath from Beach hotel to TS Palatine.

A response has been received from Environmental management (Ian Trickett). In the letter he seems to have got the issues with Ragwort wrong. The Himalayan balsam issues raised some discussion and it was agreed that Steph Mills and Adam Clayton would work jointly next year to get on top of the problem.

## 6. Treasurers Report

Main Account - £4808.17 includes grant money for the relocation of the Trim trail and tree art to the sum of £4320.00 leaving a residue of £488.17.

Project Account - £11.56

## 7. Rangers report.

A report was received that listed work that has been carried out and what is due to be done in the coming weeks.

## 8. Visitor Centre update.

Hollingworth Lake has been entered in the Visit England accreditation scheme. First assessment done in 2014 and the centre is part way through addressing the items raised in that visit.

It is hoped that the centre will receive accreditation in the next few months giving the site many benefits.

In the meantime Hollingworth Lake has received the Trip Advisor certificate of excellence 2 years running based on real life visitor reviews.

New paving and tables for sensory garden. RS to write to Ian Trickett

Lighting in the visitor centre car park. RS apologised as this matter is still in hand with him to action.

M6 theatre. Cllr Stott is waiting for a return call and said she would try to contact again.

Visitor Centre TV screen. RS suggested doing something to enhance what was a bird box cam system that has fallen into disrepair. JT said that he would take the

matter on board and get a quote for something a little more professional to bring to the next meeting.

#### **9. Funding Applications.**

RS informed the meeting that at present Funding applications were on hold. Grant funders have now included in their documents that consideration were for deprived people and that they should benefit from any grants. The funders, Grant Scape Crookhill benefit fund have been inundated. A following discussion with the funders concluded that it would be better to wait for the next wave of funding in 2016 when the publicity will be minimal.

#### **10. Pavilion site scheme.**

The removal of Rhododendron Ponticum is ongoing and is being replaced with shrubs, trees and wild flowers. JT was concerned with the loss of useful habitat for the local birdlife both as a resource for nesting and shelter. It was pointed out that all of the replacement plants would be wildlife friendly. JT took onboard the fact that if there was a cultivar present then some form of action must be taken.

#### **11. Wildlife report.**

JT gave a very informative report on the general wildlife at the lake.

#### **12. Any other business**

Quarry, Bear Hill. RS reported that as yet he could not find who the owner is and assured Peter Thornton he would continue looking into the land ownership.

#### **13. Date for next meeting**

28<sup>th</sup> Jan 2016 at The Visitors Center, 7.30pm.

**Meeting concluded**