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Dear Member

Friends of Hollingworth Lake

Please find enclosed the minutes from the previous meeting on the 29 June 2017 along with a draft agenda for the next meeting on the 12 October 2017. 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 12 October 2017.

Yours sincerely

Jane Taylor-Holmes

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ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE
MEMBERS MEETING

Thursday 12 October 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 29 June 2017
4. Finance Update – Bank Mandate – additional signatory
5. Trustee / Directors numbers – appointment
6. Ranger Update
7. Future strategy of group
8. Ongoing projects and future plans – general discussion
 - Sensory garden – maintenance and upkeep
 - Events
 - Wildlife Update
9. Any other business
10. Date / Time of next meetings

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

ASSOCIATION OF FRIENDS OF HOLLINGWORTH LAKE MEMBERS MEETING 29 June 2017

IN ATTENDANCE

Jim Taylor (JT), Chair of the meeting & Member, Jane Taylor-Holmes, Secretary and Member, Vivienne Ashworth, Member, Pat Carline, Member, Barry Cropper, Member, Johanna Dobbs, Member, Dave and Gill Greenwood, Members.

OFFICERS

None

1. Welcome and Introductions

The Chairman welcomed the members and the meeting commenced.

2. Apologies for Absence

Cllr Ann Stott, Rae Street, Nigel Eves, Tony Rumbelow, Elizabeth Cropper.

3. Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the previous meeting held on the 30 March 2017 were agreed as a correct record. V Ashworth and B Cropper, No matters arising and no updates.

4. Finance Report

£624.50 plus £250 donation from the film company involved in filming Cold Feet.

No member came forward to be added to the bank mandate to be a signatory on the bank account, this would be carried forward to a future meeting.

Nigel Eves had indicated that he would step down from the Treasurer position at the AGM and members were asked to consider standing.

5. Trustee / Director appointment

No member came forward to become Trustee / Director, this would be carried forward to a future meeting.

6. Ranger Update

There was no update report received.

7. Strategy

An agreement was reached to stay as a Group was until any information was received on the future of the Visitors Centre and how the Centre was to be managed going forward. The future of the Group would be discussed again when information was received.

8. Update / Discussion –

Sensory Garden - Thanks to Elizabeth Cropper for continued efforts to maintain and plant in the area. Lots of praise and encouragement from visitors.

The meeting discussed the introduction of a table to the area, following the last meeting Barry explained that he had looked for a table but could not find any that were suitable. After some discussion with Adam, the use of a gabion basket had been suggested. It was agreed that Jim would liaise with Adam about this.

Events

Two events held;

2nd **May Dawn Chorus** Meet 6.30 am meet at the Visitor Centre

13 May **Wild About Bats** 8.30. pm meet at the Visitor Centre.

Both well attended and a future event was mentioned; Dragonfly event 19 July at Watergrove and woodland event scheduled for October.

Wildlife

JT provided an update on wildlife seen at the Lake, Jim reported that the first ever recorded nesting of Pied Flycatchers had been successful and the chicks had fledged. Unfortunately the chicks in the camera box perished during the hot weather and the loss of one parent.

9. Any other business

There had been recent damage to the wall outside the Wine Press, it was noted that this was Highways responsibility and not the Group. Johanna Dobbs asked about BBQ's the Lake, Jim explained that it does happen but is certainly not encouraged. The Group discussed the speed of cyclist / runners around the Lake and the potential for accidents. This had been raised in meetings previously and there appeared to be no way of enforcing particular use of the Lake. Members had discussed the introduction of signage at the entrances to the footpath around the Lake encouraging responsible use and being respectful of all users.

The Flag Iris planting area near Queens Bay was not very well looked after there were some fencing issues and it was overgrown. Jim agreed to speak to Adam about this.

10. Date for next meeting

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Thursday 12 October 2017 including AGM

Meeting concluded.