

Minutes to an Extra Ordinary Meeting of North Dalton Parish Council held on Thursday 28th September 2023 at 7.00pm at North Dalton Village Hall.

Present: Cllr R Harrison (Chairman); Cllr R Williams (Vice Chair); Cllrs C Wade, P Robinson; R Horspool; T Byass; R Cowham; E Glassby; P Dunn(telephone) and Sandra Morrison (Parish Clerk)

A site meeting at the pond was held prior to this meeting

454. Apologies were received form Cllr McCloughlin

455. To Receive Declaration of Interest

- a. Pecuniary none
- b. Non-Pecuniary Interests – Cllr Wade agenda item 4, North Dalton Pond
- c. Dispensations issued - none

456. To open meeting to the floor to allow for public participation – no members of the public were present

457. North Dalton Village Pond

To discuss and formally agree to

- d. Relocation of duck population – a local resident and member of the pond committee has offered to rehome some of the ducks in October. A question was raised as to whether we need a license to do this. Clerk to pursue. To recreate a biodiverse pond the duck population needs to be decreased, and it was agreed to relocate as many ducks as possible whilst the work is going on.
- e. desilting of the pond a site meeting with the preferred contractor has been arranged for the 6th October 2023. The aim being to use a contractor with an aquatic vehicle after first boarding around pond banks to hold back the new deposits of silt. To check if we need an archaeological survey or watching brief.
- f. disposal of the silt – Cllr Williams, has been in touch with several companies but found that the issue is the transportation. Proposal is to deposit the silt behind wooden barriers, with the possibility of removing some later once dried out. The barrier will remain in place once the work has been done. Written consent to be obtained from the appropriate land owners.
- g. Appointing contractors – two suitable quotes have been obtained. Preferred contractor will work on a daily rate, and expect the project to take 5 days. The Council to ensure that the work can be completed on schedule. It was proposed by Cllr Cowham and seconded by Cllr Horspool that we use Aquatic Solutions.

Resolved

- h. Purchase of ancillary materials - the total cost of the project is £24244.00 and it was proposed by Cllr Cowham and seconded by Cllr Robinson that the budget as presented be accepted. Resolved
- i. restoration and ongoing maintenance of the pond banks – a management plan is to be produced by Cllr Wade for ongoing maintenance. A number of residents in the village have offered to help as part of a pond management team. To consider the future appointment of a pond warden at a further meeting.
- j. To agree to acceptance of grant offer from ERYC on behalf of the UKSPF of a maximum value of £24999.00 and funding terms, proposed by Cllr Cowham and seconded by Cllr Horspool. Resolved

Background to this project and detailed costings appendix A

Meeting closed 8.20pm

Signed as a true record

Chairman

Date