

# NORTH WALTHAM PARISH COUNCIL

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## MINUTES OF EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING

17<sup>th</sup> May 2016, 7pm, Rathbone Pavilion

<p><b>1 Councillors Present:</b> Geoff Chapman (Chairman), Adele Stevenson (Vice Chair), Sara Thomas, Peter Waggett, Sally Evans, Mark Dinning, Judith McGinley and Allison Spyer (Clerk)</p>	<p>Action</p>
<p><b>2 Apologies for Absence:</b></p>	
<p><b>3 Declarations of Interest:</b> There were no declarations of interests</p>	
<p><b>4 Meeting open to the Public:</b> 15 members of the public in attendance</p>	
<p><b>5 Pond:</b> GC opened the meeting and welcomed those present. From the 2015/2016 budget there has been a £1455.00 underspend. Another £500.00 has been obtained specifically for the pond by a grant from HCC giving the PC an amount of just under £2000.00 to potentially spend on rejuvenating the area. However, funds have also been committed elsewhere for Village improvements such as re-tiling the Bus Stop and the jobs around the village Jane Vickers has been tasked with. JV presented her first invoice for payment which with expenses came to £302.00, it was felt that this represented the completion of the larger jobs she has been asked to undertake and only the smaller jobs remain. As the PC were unsure of how much time would be needed to complete the remaining work AStev proposed that the time-frame be capped at 20 hours (JV charging £10 per hour) plus expenses. JM seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. <b>Motion carried AS to speak with JV.</b></p> <p>The PC discussed that advice has been given by Five Rivers who installed the most recent liner, IOW Wildlife trust for plants suitable for the pond. The Parish council have also sort advice from <u>Aqua Landscape</u>, who tested the water pollutions and discussed a planting plan. The Pond Committee in addition to this advice had a meeting with <u>GT Liners</u>, who confirmed the liner was in a good state of repair and no further actioned was needed for the foreseeable future. PW raised concerns that it wasn't just evaporation that was causing the water level to dip. The PC discussed at length the current state and durability of the pond liner as the water level can dip below the in-flow pipes and SE confirmed tests were being carried out. SE agreed to obtain some pipe from ST and length the outlet pipes by 6 inches to raise the water level to cover the liner. This should then confirm that the issue is the rest height of the water.</p> <p>AStev proposed that the council divert the money budgeted this year for the liner (£1000.00), for planting around the pond instead and SE seconded. When put to the vote all other Councillors disagreed. <b>Motion not carried.</b></p> <p>The support for the duck pond from the public present was very strong and it was generally felt that should funding be an issue some sort of fundraising initiative would be well received especially at events such as the Village Fete and Big Lunch. The PC agreed this would definitely be a possibility and would be discussed further at later meetings.</p> <p>AStev produced three quotes as requested for replacement duck-houses the favoured one being the less expensive at £360.00 + VAT but also recommended purchasing the mooring kit at £10.00 and the landing platform at £10.00</p> <p>As the meeting drew to a close SE proposed the PC commit £500.00 for planting (as per HCC grant), £360.00 for the duck-house (and accessories) plus an additional £100 for pipes a total of £980.00. AStev seconded with unanimous agreement from the rest of the council. <b>Motion carried.</b></p> <p>Finally, it was agreed the pond sub-committee would continue meeting and carry out the purchase and installation of planting up to £500 and the purchase of the duck-house.</p>	<p>AS</p> <p>Deleted: XYZ Deleted: XYZ</p> <p>PC</p> <p>PS-C</p>

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## Summary Action plan

Action	Owner	Timeline
1) SE to raise the pond outlet pipe by 6 inches.	Pond Committee	ASAP
2) Review the Hampshire and IOW planting plan recommended against vegetation ducks don't eat and purchase up to £500 of plants.	Pond Committee	Prior to the second week of June
3) Budget for future pond maintenance to be agreed at the budgeting meeting in November so future funds over the years can be put aside for maintenance as well as the liner.	All Parish Council Members	Nov 2016
4) Review any grants that become available that could be consider viable for the pond.	AS	On-going
5) Purchase a new duck house as chosen in the meeting.	ASTEVE	ASAP
6) Review water level and planting maturity in November 2016 to confirm the course of action and budget in 2017 linked to point 3 above	All Parish Council Members	Nov 2016
7) Planting to be carried out by the pond committee and requesting support from the gardening club and parishioners	Pond Committee	Early June
8) Investigate any fundraising opportunities at village events	All Parish Council Members	On-going

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