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Minutes of a meeting of LINGFIELD PARISH COUNCIL ‘**FRIENDS OF LINGFIELD POND’ COMMITTEE** held on **WEDNESDAY 9th FEBRUARY 2022 at 7.30pm** at Lingfield and Dormansland Community Centre

**Present:**

Roger Ohlson – in the chair

Jason Fudge

Clive Jecks

Rita Russell

**In attendance**

Fay Elwood - Clerk

1. **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were received from Ian Tomsett.

1. **Declarations of Interest**

None.

1. **Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 13th October 2021 were signed as a true and accurate record.

1. **Memorial Benches**

Members of the committee did not require any further amendments to the Memorial Bench Policy. The clerk presented three options for the supply of recycled benches.

**Resolution:** It was agreed to order the benches from Realise Futures Eco Benches. It was further agreed to use TDC to carry out the installation. **Action:** The clerk will send application forms to the residents who have requested a memorial bench and will order the benches once the fee has been received.

1. **Planting schemes**

There are no plans for further planting at the moment. The situation will be reviewed after the benches have been installed

1. **Requirements for parish council funding**

Roger has needed to go into the pond on several occasions to remove rubbish and attend to the island.

**Resolution:** It was agreed the parish council should provide him with the necessary equipment.

**Action:** Roger will produce a ‘shopping list’ for approval by the parish council.

1. **Water quality and pest control**

There is no evidence of rats at the moment. The water quality is being affected by the amount of bread and the number of ducks. There was some discussion about a fountain but this was dismissed because of the ongoing maintenance and costs. Aerating plants may be considered in the future. The water level has been consistent for several weeks. It rose to 1.5 bricks after rain in January but seems to settle at 3 bricks. This suggests that any leaks are above the three bricks level on the island.

1. **Signage**

This item was deferred because Andrea Watson was not present at the meeting.

1. **Any other business**

Roger has sorted the problem with the lights. The ducks had moved them so the lights were pointing down. Roger has restored them by surrounding them with protective cages.

There is a great deal of rubbish ending up in the pond. It would help if the litter bins were replaced with lidded bins to stop the wind blowing rubbish into the pond.

**Action**: We will seek parish council approval to fund replacement bins with lids.

1. **Date of next meeting**

13th April 2022

Rita gave apologies in advance.

Meeting closed at 8.10pm