

**Minutes of Brooke Parish Council site meeting held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2017 at 9.30am at Brooke Meres.**

**Present:** Mr Jinks, (Chairman), Mrs Beardsell, Mr Mears, Mr Musgrave, Mr Sanford, Mr Warman, Mr Harrison and Mr Ash.

**Apologies:** Mrs Powell, Mr Tobin and Mrs Andrews (Clerk)

The purpose of the meeting was to review maintenance actions needed around the Meres and agree how to implement them.

East mere

- agreed that no action should be taken about the low water level and that dredging is not needed; John Ash (water engineer) feels that the water levels will recover naturally when rainfall returns to normal levels and that the trees are not a particular problem
- three dead trees opposite The White Lion should be felled
- large willow at East end should be pollarded to a height of around 12 feet
- bench seat opposite White Lion - damaged wooden slat and needs general overhaul - include in request for Clinks Farm to quote for bench seats at the village sign area

West mere

- damaged concrete post and rail fence opposite 41 The Street - two concrete posts need repair or replacement by the County Council

Generally

- cut back unwanted saplings and undergrowth around trees in order to improve views of the water in both Meres
- cut ivy at the base of seriously affected trees and allow ivy to die on the tree
- a number of trees were identified for felling, subject to SNC's approval
- agreed that PC working parties are no longer appropriate for the immediate and routine works around the Meres due to low turnout numbers and the practical difficulties of disposing of debris
- agreed that Clinks Farm be invited to quote for the various jobs identified at this meeting, and that the Clerk should arrange a site meeting between Clinks and PC members (any three from Edward, Ken, Roma, David and David) as soon as possible
- specialist contractors may be needed for works beyond the ability of Clinks e.g. felling large trees
- agreed that the quality of routine vegetation cutting by Clinks is inconsistent and that this should be raised at the proposed meeting with them

There being no further business, the meeting finished at 10.45am.