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Management Protocol – Hampden Pond

Objectives

The objective of this document is to define the best practice, guidelines, and targets

- For the management of fishing, wildlife and flora around the Hampden Pond
- For the safe use of the boats on the Hampden Pond
- To achieve a balance of enjoyment for all users.

The protocol is managed and agreed by the Amenities Committee and implemented by the Clerk and Groundsmen.

General Policy

The Policy of the Council is to manage the Hampden Pond and the surrounding area as a nature reserve. The pond itself and the designated "swims" (fishing stages or positions) will be managed as a fishery when the water table is stable and at a suitable level; however the needs of the overall area take priority. The North End will be maintained for use by Wildlife and the South End will be used for angling from designated swims. A three yearly inspection will be carried out by a registered safety inspection company e.g. ROSPA

Fishing

1. Fishing is not currently permitted however this is subject to change when water levels change, latest updates can be found on the WPC website.
2. When fishing is permitted - Bye laws on fishing must be obeyed at all times.
3. When fishing is permitted - Any fish caught must be returned to the pond.
4. The Clerk and Groundsmen may determine the need to restock and recommend action for the Amenities Committee.
5. When fishing is permitted - Adult anglers must have an EA Licence and children must be accompanied by an adult with a licence.

Wildlife (Other than Fish)

1. No wildlife must be disturbed or harassed – dogs must be kept on leads.
2. A range of bird and bat boxes will be maintained.

Flora

1. No flora may be cut back, except with the express permission of the Clerk or the Groundsmen.
2. The Parish Council will endeavour to keep the swims clear, to enable casting of lines.
3. Some dead foliage will be left to rot as a harbour for wildlife.

Pond Management

1. Water lilies in the pond may be restricted to a maximum of 25% coverage. During times when the water is lowest the water lilies leaf pads may be cut back and removed from the pond, to prevent contamination of the water through decomposition.
2. Major debris will be removed from the pond as necessary.
3. No chemicals will be used in the pond or surrounding area.
4. Other water plants/weeds may be reduced if in excess.

Safe use of Water Craft

1. The boats may only be used by personnel authorised by the Clerk.
2. The boats may only be used with a minimum of two people present.
3. Life jackets must be worn at all times by workers when in the boat, and on the shore if working within 1m of the waterline.
4. Before use the condition of equipment must be checked before placing the boat on the water:-
   a) Hull must be checked to be sound
   b) Both rollocks must be checked to be fitted correctly
   c) The painter (tie up rope) is attached and in good condition.
   d) Condition of the oars
5. Appropriate clothing and footwear must be worn.
6. Never sit on the side of the boats.
7. The boats are not to be used in conditions where lightening might occur.
8. Appropriate lighting must be taken should the boats needs to be used in bad light.
9. The boats may not be used for anything other than Pond Maintenance or rescue.
10. When not in use the boats will be kept in secure storage.

Communications

The Clerk will advise the Amenities Committee of work that has been carried out, or provide recommendations of work required.

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