

Minutes of the Fisheries Sub Committee held on 8 February 2011 in the Old Abbey House, Abbey Close, Abingdon.

Present

Cllr Angela Lawrence (Vice Chair)

In Attendance

Mr Mick Foster – Water keeper
Sandra Hill – Deputy Town Clerk

12 **Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from the Mayor of Abingdon and Chair, Cllr Duncan Brown and Cllr Lesley Legge.

13 **Declarations of Interests**

Cllr Angela Lawrence declared a personal interest in any matters concerning the Vale of White Horse District Council as she is a Member of that Authority.

14 **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

Resolved to agree the minutes of the last meeting held on 3 August 2010.

15 **Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising from the minutes of the meeting held on 3 August 2010. However, the Deputy Town Clerk referred to a resolution from a previous meeting for new No Fishing signs along Wilsham Road. She reported that she has asked the Outdoor Team Supervisor to confirm a date for a site visit to discuss signage and its location.

16 **Report from the Water Keeper**

Mr Mick Foster spoke to his tabled report highlighting that small fish seem to be increasing in numbers mainly Dace and Chub. Crayfish numbers appear to be the same, although the authorised Crayfish angler has seen an increase in his catch rate. Mr Foshier expressed concern over the increase in predators such as Mink and Cormorants. During the summer boats are mooring two/three abreast and this could be a fire risk. The Drennan Knock-Out Cup was a success with large numbers of spectators and national media coverage.

Resolved that the Deputy Town Clerk would draft a letter, for the Chair to sign, to the Vale of White Horse District Council outlining the Town Council's concern regarding boats mooring two/three abreast and the risk of a fire spreading.

17 **Annual Fishing Permit Figures**

Resolved to note the list of fishing permits issued from June 2010 to January 2011.

18 **Matches for 2010/2011 Season**

Resolved to note the matches which have been booked for the 2010/2011 season.

19 **Communal Lake**

Mr Foster reported that the 'new' fishing lake in Barton Lane is expected to be functional this summer.

Resolved that as Abingdon now has fishing lake, the Communal Lake standing item is no longer relevant and should therefore be removed.

20 **Dates for Future Meetings**

Resolved to note the agreed dates listed below:

4.30pm on

Tuesday 2 August 2011

Tuesday 7 February 2012

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 5.10pm.