

Notes from meeting between Grove Angling Club and Balderton Parish Council

23rd July, 2025, at Balderton Village Centre

Attendees:

Grove Angling Club: Kim Ashmore (c¹) - Chair, Martin Lowe (m²), Richard Lowe (m), Garry Rose (m), Susan Rose (c) – Trainee Secretary, Dave Green (c) – Secretary, Paul Rebbin (c) Marc Arthur (c),

Balderton Parish Councillors: Jane Buxton (Chair), Mandie Elson (Amenities Chair), Joy Sellars

Parish Clerk: Marion Fox Goddard

Assistant Parsh Clerk: Hilary Colvin

	Item	Action	By whom
1	Introductions All present introduced themselves. Marion welcomed everybody to the meeting. Following the GAC ³ and BPC ⁴ Councillor's July Walk around Balderton Lake, this meeting had been arranged to discuss current issues and clarify communication channels to ensure information is effectively shared by both organisations (Agenda point 6).	None – for information.	N/A
2	Notes on the meeting held on 23rd January 2025	All agreed theses are a true reflection of the meeting	N/A

¹ C = Committee member

² m = member

³ GAC = Grove Angling Club

⁴ BPC = Balderton Parish Council

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3	<p>Grove Angling Club Feedback</p> <p>Peg Requests Prior to the meeting, GAC had requested to have three pegs on the channel area of lake opened (near the moonstone). The benefit of GAC members fishing there would help reduce poaching and general anti-social behaviour and possibly lure fish from the feeding area of pump pond.</p> <p>Marion explained that on the walk around the lake more requests/ suggestions had been made, and it is not absolutely clear what the Committee of GAC want with requests coming from various members/Committee members. BPC need to be sent all the requests from GAC that Committee have discussed and agreed rather than them provided to BPC piecemeal.</p> <p>In light of this she requested that Grove Angling Club's Committee consolidate their requests and discuss at their next Committee meeting what they would like to request to ensure a consensus/clarity on what GAC are requesting.</p> <p>Grants and Match Funding Once we have a clear plan of improvements and developments GAC would like, funding opportunities can be explored. (Some applications allow applications from local authorities/some have to come from the fishing club).</p>	<p>Once GAC have a clear list of requests, GAC to email list of requests to the Parish Clerk so this can be added to a future council meeting agenda for discussions and decision making.</p> <p>Work together to find funding.</p>	<p>GAC</p> <p>GAC/BPC</p>

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4.	<p>Weed - How to proceed, options and funding Following a discussion, the general consensus was not to use dye, and to cut the weed (strips), monitor and review. However, it was requested that GAC discuss this as a Committee and submit a request to BPC. Once GAC have submitted a request this can be taken to a council meeting for discussion/approval.</p> <p>Due to the uncertainty of whether dye would kill more than just weed, Marion indicated dye is unlikely to be approved by Full Council and that other methods should be considered first.</p> <p>It was raised that potential funding applications should also include the cost of an oxygen meter and aerator for BPC to monitor levels of oxygen and aerate areas of concern in the lake.</p> <p>GAC and BPC to research funding options. BPC can give a letter evidencing work that has been done to prove match funding evidence where applicable.</p>	<p>GAC Committee to confirm by email to BPC their preferred approach. If the preferred approach is cutting, which areas of the lake we should cut., subject to agreement by Full Council in line with our standing orders. Take to Council for a decision</p> <p>Application to be drawn up including cutter, aerator, and oxygen meter (if possible and this is what GAC want).</p>	<p>GAC</p> <p>MFG</p> <p>DD/HC/MFG</p>
5	<p>Requests to the Committee</p> <p>5a Poachers All club members to report suspected poaching at the time to 0800 807060 (Environment Agency lines are open 24 hours per day, 7 days per week) and local beat team (Nottinghamshire Police – Telephone 101)</p> <p>5b Reminder to all club members As to where they can and cannot fish and fully brief new members</p> <p>5c GAC contact details GAC have the following email address Baldertonanglingclub@gmail.com</p>	<p>GAC to reiterate this information to all members</p> <p>GAC to reiterate information to all existing members and brief new members</p> <p>BPC to upload GAC email address to BPC website and direct any enquirers to this email address from now on.</p>	<p>DD/SR</p> <p>GAC</p> <p>BPC</p>

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5d	<p>New members GAC confirmed that their membership is now open to new members.</p>	BPC to email any membership requests that have been saved during the closed period to GAC.	MFG
6	<p>Requests/Communications to BPC</p> <p>Suggestions are coming from GAC members in a variety of ways and not via the Committee . (e.g. members approaching councillors and ground staff).</p> <p>Marion requested consolidation and clarification of requests to Balderton Parish Council regarding GAC requirements by email once the GAC committee has agreed them.</p> <p>All requests/proposals, other than immediate repairs need to be discussed by GAC Committee and agreed before being sent to the Clerk. Then they need to be formally communicated to BPC by email to the Clerk. Significant changes will be subject to agreement by Full Council in line with BPC standing orders.</p> <p>GAC are welcome at any Full Council and Amenities Committee meeting, to listen to the Council's discussions and it was noted that the next meeting is on 24th September 2025, but the agenda pack is produced 1 week before. (If</p>	GAC to produce a list to BPC of what they want to propose, including benefits. (Requests to come from nominated member of the Committee by email).	GAC

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	the Council require staff to research proposals a decision may not be made immediately but we will give an indication of what meeting this will be at).		
7	Members who have moved out of the area The criteria and guidelines of GAC Lifelong Members to be agreed by the GAC Committee	GAC to agree criteria and guideline for LLMs	GAC
8	Any other Business Balderton Lake Signage GAC handed over 3 multilingual signs for putting-up around Balderton Lake however they do not display have the 101- or Environment Agency poaching reporting number. Signage on Pegs There was discussion on signage for at each peg GAC Fishing Timings of Dawn and Dusk GAC have regularly seen non-members fishing before Dawn and after Dusk. Suggested changing these to more specific times e.g. dusk plus 30 minutes). The benefit of changing times will deter poachers and hopefully lessen anti-social behaviour. How to identify members The question of how to identify GAC Club's members was discussed. Sticker for display and annual membership card. Voluntary Bailiff Service	BPC to add the telephone reports number to the new signs and then display around the lake To be added to request list if the Committee decide to request this Sign to be produced for the pump pond to make clear no fishing etc To be added to request list if the Committee decide to request this Remind all members carry their membership card their Red Sticker is clearly visible when fishing. Contact Voluntary Bailiff service and ask them to visit the lake	BPC GAC HC GAC GAC DG

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	<p>GAC reported that the Bailiffs can only patrol and report issues. All agreed that we should use as they can report using 101 and to The Environment Agency. The more calls received by the Police the more data they have to justify interventions. GAC members must clearly display their stickers, to assist in identifying people who are illegally fishing.</p> <p>Newark and Sherwood Sports Council (NSSC) Cllr Mandie Elson in her capacity of the Chair of NSSC re-iterated her offer from January to work with GAC to help them find Committee members/volunteers to join the Committee and actively take part in the administration/management of GAC affairs.</p> <p>Mandie will also advise on GAC legal Safeguarding obligations. Mandie suggested the Angling Trust may be able to help GAC with what is needed to ensure the club thrives.</p> <p>GAC Committee Member Susan Rose explained that she is currently being trained in the role of Secretary.</p>	<p>GAC to contact Mandie Elson if they want to take-up her kind offer of free support and guidance.</p>	<p>GAC</p>

Prepared by Hilary Colvin.