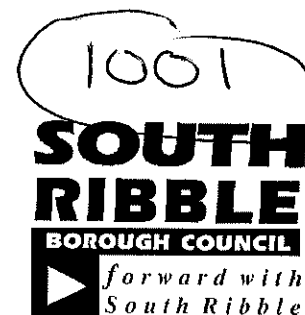


RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER SCHEME OF DELEGATION BY MEMBER OF SENIOR MANAGEMENT TEAM IN CONSULTATION WITH PORTFOLIO HOLDER/COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN



SMT Member:	Andrew Richardson
Service Group:	Neighbourhoods
Portfolio Holder/Chairman:	Cllr Graham Walton
Portfolio/Committee:	Neighbourhoods

Subject: Farington Lodges - Removal of tree cover around immediate perimeter to the northern side of the fishing lodges.

Decision: Approval of capital expenditure of £13,000 for the removal of tree cover around the immediate perimeter to the northern side of the fishing lodges.

Details and Reasoning:

The site has been utilised for fishing for a number of years and is currently operated under licence by Withnell Anglers. In recent years silt build up within the water course has had an adverse effect on the oxygen levels available to the fish stocks. Consideration has been given to a comprehensive removal of silt from the lodges, however the costs for these works have proved prohibitive and in 2016 the silt levels combined with a pollution incident resulted in a large scale loss of fish, meaning the lodge is unsuitable for fishing at present.

The angling club in conjunction with the Council and the Environment Agency have worked over recent months to improve the oxygen levels to enable fish stocks to be replenished. These works work are largely funded by grants obtained by the anglers and include the restoration of fishing pegs and the creation of a dipping platform for use by school and community groups.

It is intended to remove the trees along the northern edge of the lodges, to reduce the amount of leaf litter entering the water which contributes significantly to the build-up of silt, this will also increase the levels of light and oxygen within the water, allowing the restocking of the lodge by the Environment Agency in early spring.

Wider Implications (including Financial, Legal, Equality and Risk):

Financial
The Farington Lodge Improvement scheme (£100,000) is included in the approved Capital programme, with funding earmarked from s106. No further work is planned and therefore the remaining budget will be removed from the programme.

Legal
The Council will be bound by the terms and conditions of any contractual documentation entered into with the suppliers.

Risk
There is a risk that without the works being carried out, the site would remain unsuitable for fishing and would allow silt

to continue to form with the eventual loss of the majority of the body of water, adversely affecting wildlife and future recreational use of the site,

Equality

Equality Impact Assessments are in place for the neighbourhood services. There are no adverse equality impacts as a result of the proposals in this report.


Report attached?
Exempt from publication?
If exempt, give reason(s):

No
No

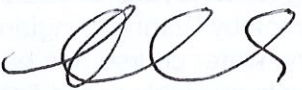
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J. Blundell
Date: 30/1/18

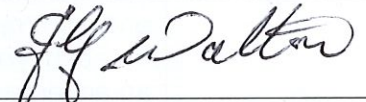
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THURSDAY, 1 FEBRUARY 2018

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