

Notes from the Meeting Held Thursday 19th February 2015
Between Rolleston on Dove Parish Council, Rolleston Civic Trust,
The Environment Agency and East Staffordshire Borough Council

The first point which was confirmed with the group was that the report was written by Aqua Solutions. When the work is decided upon and funded, it will have to go to tender and will not necessarily Aqua Solutions.

The History – Why We Met

In the late 1980s a very simply clearing of the silt was undertaken. The silt trap is now full, and the residents would like to reclaim the lake which is getting smaller due to the silting and the fallen trees etc.

At least one of the bungalows on The Lawns is suffering from damp and has to have a pump in the back garden to cope.

Residents would like to see it back as a fishing lake.

Any work planned would need to be consented by the Environment Agency.

To get the fishing lake back, it may have to be taken 'off-line' i.e. the Brook to be diverted out of the lake.

It was decided that once the silt is removed, it should not be piled onto the island as it is likely to be washed back in again. The farmer had in the past agreed that the silt could be placed on his land. It would need to be analysed first and he would need to be compensated for any loss of crops for that year.

The electricity sub-station is designed to resist flooding. It was further noted that desilting the lake would make no noticeable difference to flood management in the area.

The Aqua Solutions report suggested one method to remove the silt. It was noted that there are other options e.g. pumping the silt out.

Funding

Andy Mason (ESBC) has said there is money in the neighbourhood development fund to fund some of this – but would require 50% matched funding.

Andy Mason (ESBC) has found a fund that could be applied to for funding this work.

'Parks for People'. There are three justifications they would need to put us through to the final stages:

- There would need to be a focus on heritage – what are we trying to achieve, educational focus? This would need to be for the wider community.
- The plan should be financially realistic
- There should be future sustainability of the site – setting up a trust so there is a legacy would be ideal.

It was questioned whether the bridge, waterfall, weirs are listed. This needs to be checked out. If any part of it is listed, English Heritage are a potential funding source.

Staffordshire wildlife are to complete an ecological survey during the spring on the spinney to see what wildlife there is.

It was agreed that a larger meeting be held in the Village with all interested parties to talk about the intention to apply for funding to reinstate the lake and a whole community plan.

A working group would then be set up to progress the plan, then this plan be shown back to the larger interested group to present the plan.

The next step was that Andy has agreed to look further into the funding bid and timescales etc.