

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF THE LEIGHTON ANGLING SOCIETY
HELD IN LEIGHTON VILLAGE SCHOOL HALL ON 10 FEBRUARY 2024
AT 7:30 PM

The meeting started at 7:30 pm – 12 members present (12 last year)
Chairman arrived very late due to the floods.

1. New Members. One new member, Mr D Dodd, was welcomed by the Secretary/Treasurer.
2. Apologies. Apologies for absence had been received from John Parsons, Edgar Riley, Paul Stych and Shirley Cottrill.
3. Correspondence. The Secretary had not received any correspondence pertinent to an AGM.
4. Minutes of the 2023 AGM. Secretary read the minutes of the meeting held on 11th February 2023.
 - a. Matters Arising. As there were no matters arising, acceptance was proposed by Vince Pickup and seconded by Dave Loveridge and unanimously carried as a true record of proceedings.
5. Treasurer's Report. Treasurer explained the audited Balance Sheet for 2023. Membership had remained stable which had produced a similar income from subscriptions to 2022. Other income and expenditure were similar to 2022. This had produced an operating surplus, which had now fully recovered the cost of acquiring the fishing rights to the Buildwas section. Increased interest rates had been obtained via our fixed Bond at the West Bromwich Building Society that resulted in £280 when it matured in November 2022. There being no questions from members present, the Treasurer's Report was accepted by all present.
 - a. Matters Arising. There were none.
 - b. Subscriptions for 2025. Treasurer recommended that subscriptions remained at current levels. This was unanimously agreed.
6. Election of Officers. Chairman, Secretary/Treasurer and Match Secretary were all willing to stand for another year. There being no other nominations, the retention of the current incumbents was agreed
7. Honoraria. Treasurer proposed no change to the present levels, and this was unanimously agreed.
8. Society Constitution. The Secretary had received no proposals to change the present Constitution, last amended at the 2005 AGM.
9. Proposed Amendment to the Society's Rule Book. The Secretary had received no proposals to change the present Rule Book.

10. Annual Trophy Notification. As trophies are no longer presented, they would simply be notified to the winners in the Mill at Leighton, after the first Summer League match.

11. Any Other Business. The following items were raised:

a. Buildwas Fishing Rights. The Land Registry had still not registered these but had moved up their priority ladder. Our solicitor had advised this should be completed in the near future and would notify the Secretary when registration is complete.

b. Entrance to Cressage Meadow. Secretary had been in conversation with the Leighton Estate Manager about “triangulating” the entrance gate. This would make it more difficult for non-anglers to gain entrance. This work would hopefully be done in 2024.

c. Entrance gate to Buildwas Car Park. Secretary had offers from Jason and Pete Owen to move the road gate in line with Stuart Ratcliffe (the farmer’s) gates. This would stop the fly tipping in the entrance. Stuart had also offered help by using his excavator. Secretary would chase this up.

d. Pleasure Angling on 16th June. As the first Summer League match falls on 16th June this year concern was expressed about pleasure anglers fishing some pegs before the match starts. Secretary and Chairman explained that there was not a lot that could be done about this.

There being no further business, Secretary closed the meeting at 8:35 pm.

B C Jones (Hon. Secretary)
11 February 2024