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# Pond Task and Finish Group Meeting Notes

## 12<sup>th</sup> December 2022

**Present:** Cllr Goodwin, Cllr Selman, D Hanks, D Finniear (note taker).

1. To review completed and outstanding actions and timescales

The outstanding actions were reviewed, and it was agreed that all group members shall check the action list and update it as and when tasks are completed.

2. To note volunteers dead hedging report

The UWE volunteer was thanked for their dead hedging report. The report was praised as being clear and informative.

**ACTION: to use the dead hedging report to instruct volunteers on how to create a dead hedge around the pond when completed.**

**ACTION: to recommend the Climate & Nature Committee install an access point (e.g. dead hedge gate) to the pond.**

3. To review the pond specification and send out for quotation

The pond spec was reviewed. Discussions were held on whether to install a pond liner or not. The consensus was to avoid using a pond liner, but to experiment with clay / more natural liners on some of the smaller pond complex zones.

**ACTION: to recommend the Climate & Nature Committee approve the pond specification to go for quotation.**

**ACTION: to recommend Climate & Nature Committee agree to not use a pond liner on the main pond, but to experiment with natural liners on the smaller pond complex areas.**

**ACTION: to recommend that the Climate & Nature Committee agree to not plant vegetation in or around the pond and to see what naturally arises.**

4. Risk Assessment for pond review

**ACTION:** to recommend the Climate & Nature Committee approve the risk assessment for the pond.

**ACTION:** to create a management plan for the pond to include monitoring the dead hedge, inspecting the pond, leaf litter removal and vegetation build up removal. To use the Freshwater Habitat guidance. To work with UWE volunteer to create the plan (if applicable).