

## Stonebridge Pond Meeting Notes

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2022

Present: Matthew Hatchwell (MH), Richard Parry (RP), Graeme Tuff (GT), Cllr Chris Williams (CW), Louise Bareham (LB), Adrienne Begent (AB)

Apologies: Anna Stonor

MH and RP ran through the scenarios for Stonebridge Pond, RP had already drafted a scope of works. Options were considered for removal of silt, whether it could be placed around Flood Lane, allotments, re-landscaping of the pond or elsewhere.

GT to seek guidance from his Head of Service at SBC but noted a paper would go to Members asking for them to agree a position, he thought SBC Environment Committee might take ownership. Timescale for the report would be late February 2023, being mindful of elections in May and the purdah period beforehand, no decisions are likely to be made past March.

Priorities and scope were discussed including possible separation of Stonebridge Pond and Westbrook Stream systems, silt, possibility of contamination, the need for testing, link between Stonebridge Pond and nearby Tidal Basin, rising sea levels, etc. – that will need to be addressed in the Scope of Work.

### Actions

- MH/RP to report back to the Friends of Westbrook
- RP to relook at the draft scope of works
- CW/LB will include item on FTC Environment Committee agenda (for October 26<sup>th</sup>) for update and consider small working group
- MH/LB establish contact with EA silt expert
- GT to seek guidance from Head of Service where this would sit on their agenda, confirm timings for report and information required
- Friends/FTC draft a community engagement plan / exhibition in the Town Hall / signage at the duck feeding area