

GAAS Members meeting 25/11/2025

Attendees:

Dave Duke

Rodger Merron

Clive Richardson

Alex Shaw

Stuart Roebuck

Alan Kelly

Kieran Roebuck

John Jackman

Mark Clancy

Apologies:

Simon Cullen

Paul Leatherbarrow

Frank Matthews

The minutes from the last meeting confirmed by SR and RM

RM Discussed creating a fall for the water on the inlet on Top North Road to increase natural oxygenation in the pond and ask the members if they had any ideas on how to achieve this.

DD The work needed to Bottom North Roads outlet has now been completed.

RM Informed the meeting that all the ropes have now been put up on all the ponds.

RM Suggested keeping the Heath closed (after the fish stocking 20/11/25) until we have had a meeting with the Environment Agency representative on Friday 28th Nov.

DD Informed the meeting that the Land registry for the Heath and Padfield is still ongoing with David Blank Furness.

RM Informed the meeting that his grant for natural hedging from the Woodlands Trust has been approved and the club will receive everything RM had applied for.

DD The plastic lumber for the repair of the pegs on Padfield has now been delivered,

SR/RM Discussed concerns over the possible over-stocking of the Heath, Top North Road and Bottom North Road. Having compared our stocking lists against the advised stocking weights per acre published by the Environment Agency, as more fish were delivered this year and last than initially proposed.

These concerns took into account:

- Surface area of the ponds
- Known weight of stock recently added
- Weight of existing fish stocks

It was suggested to monitor the ponds closely over the coming months, and possibly adding extra feed into the Heath as the weather warms up next year.

CR The fence to the rear of Padfield has now been completed.

DD The invoice for the Carp in the Heath has now been paid.

Any Other Business

DD/RM Informed the meeting of ongoing discussions with Barratts regarding the building on the land to the top of the Heath and with Taylor Wimpey regarding the access path to the Heath. Both these discussions were positive and they will keep the members updated with any further developments.

SC Raised the issue to be discussed – Should GAAS write to United Utilities with regards the ownership of Top and Bottom North Road and whether UU would be willing sign them over to GAAS as we have maintained them for so long.

This was discussed at the meeting and it was suggested that we should take advice on the matter from David Blank Furnace next time we liaise with them.

SR Showed the meeting a list of suggested work that may need doing on the ponds during 2026 and asked if anyone would like to add to it or had any further suggestions.

It was discussed that during 2026 we should focus our efforts mainly on Padfield, firstly clearing the overgrown areas, and any work that may be needed to the inlet and the outlet.

RM Informed the meeting that moving forward he is happy to deal with site permits and the certificates needed to transfer fish to any GAAS waters.

DD Raised the issue of monitoring social media used by GAAS

- Website
- Facebook
- WhatsApp

This is to be discussed at January's meeting.

SR Explained to the meeting his and RM concerns regarding over stocking and showed the meeting the figures and calculations that they had been working on.

SR Suggested whether it would be possible to redirect the Bream due to be delivered to the Heath and North Road over to Padfield and should we raise the issue on Friday when we meet the Environment Agency Representative?

RM Suggested waiting for advice from the Environment Agency Representative before we re-open the Heath.

This was agreed by all at the meeting.

Meeting closed 21.35