

PROPOSAL FOR EXTRA CANOE LAKE CLEANING FROM IWC.

BACKGROUND FROM LEE MATTHEWS – IWC Parks Officer

The canoe lake cleaning was previously undertaken by Highways but for some reason this service was not transferred across into the new PFI contract.

For a period of time the service continued but was stopped in the spring of 2019.

Following complaints, the parks department covered a weekly Summer clean once a week over the summer period (this was not budgeted for).

We have obtained and circulated a twice a week quote from Island Roads, but we only have budget (internal and welcome back fund for a once a week service).

FIGURES

The Island Roads quote totalled £6,730.50 plus VAT for cleaning the area twice a week for a total of 15 weeks.

The IWC Parks Department have budget for 50% of that - £3,365.25 plus VAT.

Therefore, RTC are being asked to partner with IWC to pay for a second clean of the area by Island Roads at a cost of £3,365.25 plus VAT for this year.

TO CONSIDER

- 2021 is a crucial year for visitors to Ryde. We expect that there will be exceptional numbers of visitors over the summer period.
- The ongoing Southern Water works at Appley are already going to present a negative impact on the visitor experience.
- Having a messy, dirty, slippery, and potentially unsafe walking area around the canoe lake would certainly add to that negative impact.
- It has been stated in numerous meetings with Waterside Trust that once a week cleaning of the area will not be enough – there are simply too many geese there creating too much mess.