

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE NEWTON AND NOSS VILLAGE HALL ON APRIL 21st  
2011**

Members

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| * Mr R Carter – Chairman | * Mr M Mears     | * Mr P Gough    |
| * Mr D Drought           | * Mrs R Watts    | @ Mr A Matthews |
| * Mr A A Tubb            | * Mr J A Leonard | * Mrs S Cooper  |
| * Mr P Fellows           | * Mr M J Oates   |                 |
- \* Mr R F Page - Harbour Master    \* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master    \* Mrs H Phillips  
\* *Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

**32/11 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

**33/11 MATTERS ARISING**

Covered in meeting.

**34/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Letters from planners (SHDC) seeking response to plans submitted for repairs to YYC quay wall. As they were no different from earlier descriptions given verbally it was agreed that the application be accepted and supported.
2. Letters and plans from DCC re: Public Rights of Way with suggestions for the Definitive Map Review for comment. Proposed accesses such as across Popes #quay, across Brigend Quay, Wide Slip, Kilpatrick steps etc were all felt to be reasonable and after discussion with the Chairman it was agreed that there was nothing controversial. Information needs to be sought on the position with regard to Yealm steps quay.

**35/11 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. A sum of money has been transferred from Santander to Standard Life (26k) to spread our exposure to the 100 Euro protection/guarantee of each bank.
2. The account for IT incorporates the cost of setting up and maintaining the website and also various assistance with the new Sage system.
3. The stamp duty has now been paid on the leases and the quarterly rent system now becomes effective to replace half yearly payments.
4. Under the cash flow the figure for the rent incorporates the accruals for the previous three years, which have now been paid which is why the figures are temporarily so high.
5. The salary figure is also up this month as a result of the cross over period with the two harbour masters working in tandem.

### **36/11 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

1. Start of season boat nights are down on last year but this should change as Easter is late this year if the good weather continues to hold.
2. The new Harbour Guides arrived on time.
3. Considerable amount of mooring work has been achieved and blocks now made but not yet installed. A significant number of mooring allocations have been achieved this year.
4. Bridgend Quay relaunch took place on 4<sup>th</sup> April and the quay is now occupied by dinghies for the summer.
5. The ferry began operating on the 18/04 later than usual because funding has been cut.
6. The ongoing problem of Wembury steps and their dilapidated concrete is becoming worse. Photographs have been sent to John Hart at Devon County and a representative from AONB is being sent to inspect them.
7. The Harbour launch has been ashore for antifouling.
8. Events of note:
  - 23<sup>rd</sup> March police river survey afloat
  - 24<sup>th</sup> March Fire Equipment in both the launch and the office carried out.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> April Harbour clean up
  - 7<sup>th</sup> April meeting of YEMG. Minutes available in due course.
9. The replacement main visitors pontoon has now been ordered for delivery in October.
10. Illegal netting – a spate of netting in the river has been noted on the recent neap tides, those involved are known to the authorities and indications are that a more proactive approach might be taken in the future by them.
11. Another check of the waiting list is about to be begun, a long-winded process of writing to everyone to ensure that the list is correct.

### **37/11 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – Kayak rack for 80 canoes now installed.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report..

Yealmpton – concerns were raised over the Viridor proposed development at Lee Mill. It was reported that SHDC have turned it down and it is now with Devon Council. Martin Mears proposed and Peter Fellows seconded that the authority write rejecting the proposals. The authority did not agree to this but suggested that we wait for the next plan. Martin Oates proposed that we write to the relevant authorities objecting to pollution of the river in a broader sense to include the proposed housing development in Yealmpton and Brixton and the effects on the already overloaded sewerage systems and subsequent overflows. Also sewerage sludge is being spread on the fields close to the river with the resultant run off into the river. It was suggested that this should be put on the agenda for the next meeting for further discussion.

### **38/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing further to add

### **39/11 A.O.B.**

1. Nothing

**40/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 19<sup>TH</sup> May** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**