

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE, NEWTON FERRERS ON
JUNE 20TH 2019**

Members

@ Mr D Southwood– Chairman * Mr D Crawley -Vice Chairman
* Mr R Carter @ Mr D Drought * Mr J Endicott
* Mr P Parry-Smith @ Mr M Oates
* Mr M Mears @ Mr A Matthews @ Mr A A Tubb

* Mr M Beighton – Harbour Master * Mrs H Phillips – Office Manager

**Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

Dominic Crawley chaired the meeting in David Southwood’s absence.

63/19 MINUTES

It was proposed by Philip Parry-Smith that the minutes presented a true account of the meeting held on the 16th May 2019, this was seconded by Rodney Carter and agreed. Dominic Crawley abstained as he was not at the meeting.

64/19 MATTERS ARISING

1. Website covered later in the meeting.
2. Land Registry Map and Yealm Steps Quay. These two matters were combined as the land registry map was showing the quay in the wrong position. Rodney Carter whilst attending another meeting, spoke to Keith Baldry of SHDC who felt that the Council may be prepared to transfer the quay into the ownership of RYHA. An approach has been made to SHDC for clarification on the land registry map before we pursue the quay ownership further. We are awaiting feedback from Keith Baldry on this.
Action: Chase Keith Baldry for feedback Andrew Matthews/ Rodney Carter
3. Jet skis – the feedback from the SWRP’s meeting is that Jet skis are becoming an increasing issue everywhere. Other ports often see the individuals launching and are then able to talk to them. For us, they usually come in from the sea. It was agreed that we monitor the situation but that there is little we can do at present.
Action: Mark Beighton to monitor the situation.
4. CCTV quotations. The HM has divided the areas in to smaller manageable sections and has been obtaining quotations. The option under consideration is to site two cameras at Ferry Cottage, thereby covering the river from Misery Point to Madge Point. Once three quotations have been received the information will be feedback.
Action: HM to present quotations when three have been obtained
5. Planning at Coastguard Cottages. This has now been approved so no further involvement needed.
6. Repair of collapsed wall at Bridgend. Only two quotations have been obtained at present which are very different. It has been proposed to talk to the contractors to ensure that they are both quoting for the same work.
Action: Rodney Carter to follow up.

65/19 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Simon Friend of Red Earth Developments Ltd has written in asking for information to pass onto the people purchasing his apartments on the use and rules of the Jetty. It was agreed that the HM draft a letter detailing the parameters that the Authority requires users of the jetty to adhere to.

Action: HM to send letter.

2. It was noted that the RYDA had written in to thank us for the contribution to the insurance for the Harbour clean up.
3. SW ambulance service. An invoice has been received substantially increasing the annual rental charge for the defibrillator attached to the Harbour Office. It was suggested that we ask around in the village to find out what they are charged.

Action: HM or OM to investigate and report back.

66/19 FINANCIAL REPORTS

The Profit and Loss account was presented in a slightly different format this month. It showed a comparison between the month and year to date with last year's comparibles, which it was felt gave more useful information. The Balance Sheet and Cashflow were presented in the normal way and currently show the projected year-end cash position as being about £4,000 up on projections.

67/19 STANDING ORDERS – IN RELATION TO EXPENDITURE

This was deferred to a later meeting.

Action: Dominic Crawley agreed to look into this for next meeting

68/19 WEBSITE DESIGN FEEDBACK

The proposed new website design was sent around to all committee members. It was unanimously agreed that we proceed with this as soon as possible.

Action: Mark Beighton to inform Quality Website Design

69/17 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

- There have been two groundings on the spit in the last month.
- A fishing boat ended up on the rocks and had to be rescued by the inshore Lifeboat. It is thought that he had strung a net across the mouth of the river but there is no proof of this. His net was cut loose, and the HM retrieved it and returned it to its owner.
- Sum UP – it is now possible to take card payments both in the office and out on the water which has proved very popular.
- A Harberg Rassy rally visited the Yealm and was well attended by 28 boats.
- Unfortunately, there have been a large number of thefts reported this month in the Kitley area and just in to RYHA moorings next to Kitley but also up towards Noss Creek. A number of the items have subsequently been found on social media sites and local chandlers and returned to their owners. A boat was also retrieved from Plymouth rowing club minus the outboard.

Anti-social behaviour – a group of youths have taking tenders from the pontoon at Yealm Steps and rowing about on the river. The police attended one incident. It was suggested that Boat Watch time their patrols to be around the steps to coincide with the time they seem to be coming.

Action: Helen Phillips will ask Boat Watch to patrol Yealm Steps at certain times

There was collision between a visiting French boat and two other boats on the main pontoon. The owner admitted liability, having mis-calculated the strength of the tide. Insurance details were exchanged, and an incident report completed.

- A meeting was held between the HM and Keith Hart to discuss the Port Marine Safety Code. The HM feels that there is considerable work to be done to ensure that we comply by the deadline date in 2021.

Action: HM to continue to work with Keith Hart to complete the Port Marine Safety Code and to report back in the Autumn..

70/19 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Absent

Brixton – Absent

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report

Yealmpton – Nothing to report

71/19 MOORING ALLOCATIONS AND PARTNERSHIP REQUESTS

This month there have been 1 B mooring and 2 C moorings and 1 D mooring allocated. There has been a partnership request put before the committee and it was agreed that it should be allowed.

72/19 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing.

73/19 AOB

A committee member requested that now various signs have been erected on guidance and use of the river that efforts are made to ensure they are complied with.

74/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting of the Harbour Authority is in the Harbour Office Newton Ferrers on **Thursday 18TH July 2019 at 1800.**

Chairman