



Burnham Overy Harbour Trust Management Committee
Wednesday 1st February 2017, 7pm, Burnham Overy Village Hall

Attending: David Horton-Fawkes(DHF) (Chairman), Pete Low (PL) (Hon. Secretary), Jonnie Usher (JU) (Hon. Treasurer), Richard Warner (RW), Andrew Green (AG), Peter Beck (PB), Peter Connor (PC), Kev Gathercole (KG), Simon Raven (SR), Tim Gatti (TG), Chris Henson (CH), Pam Thompson (PT), John Lumley (JL)

Guest: Jane Heasman (JH) (minutes)

1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting

1.1 4.1 Sarah Raven, Overy Parish Councillor – change to Overy Parish Clerk. Approved. JH

2.0 Matters Arising

2.1 Unlicensed Boats: Notices were put on 4 abandoned boats left on the Hard; these were removed the same day. Two of these boats have been moved, boat 3 is ZigZag has old licences which belong to “Spearman” RW has left a message to ask if this is still their Warefarer. Boat 4 is an abandoned speedboat SR to investigate if Holkham Farming can remove and dispose of it. RW
SR

2.2 Aside from the 4 abandoned boats as mentioned above there are 2 other boats on the Hard, first is Will Purdy’s and he will remove it, second is a Bickles boat which is in use.

2.3 In future notices should say boats to be removed from the Hard in the winter and licences required in the summer.

2.4 DHF to look at County Council maps to see who is responsible for the north bank. DHF

2.6 Unlicensed Moorings: There are two 116 moorings. Original 116 mooring used by Paul Goakes. DHF to write to Mr Goakes to confirm that there are two 116 moorings, which does he use and can he removed the second 116 mooring. DHF

2.7 Cockle Path: KG reported that there are deep holes in the bank and the main bridge floated out of position in the last high tide. PB and KG to try and put bridge back in situ on next high tide. See also 5.3 below. PB/KG

3.0 Mud Dock

3.1 JL ran through the main points of his paper. DHF on behalf of everyone at the meeting thanked JL for his hard work and effort in putting the proposal together.

3.2 After some discussion the main points raised were:

- Concerns on the visual impact of the pontoons
- Changing the character of the harbour
- Huge planning issues
- High costs of the build plus ongoing maintenance
- Deeper water for the pontoon will sometimes result in bigger waves which will damage the boats
- Could the mud dock be dug out and used for some conventional moorings plus a launching area for dinghies?

3.3 DHF added that although there were a number of concerns the proposals gives the BOHT ideas

for the future and once the constitution and therefore authority of the trust has been established this can be revisited.

4.0 Constitution

4.1 The Trustees and the Common Rights Holders (CL65) (CRH) have been reworking the constitution to form a new one which will recognise more rights for the CRH. The new constitution will give the CRH the casting vote if there is a tied vote. The objectives of the new constitution remain the same as the original but the way these will be carried out will be different ie more votes for CRH.

4.2 The new draft constitution will be sent to the CRH's lawyers and Trustees' lawyers. DHF

4.3 At the 2017 AGM (Friday 14th April) the members will be asked to vote to dissolve the old constitution which needs to be done before the Trustees can implement a new constitution.

4.4 There continues to be misunderstanding over who owns the creek which undermines the authority of the BOHT. Therefore all parties, landowner, Parish Council and CRH, need to agree who owns the land. DHF will try and get the deeds from Howes Percival to display at the AGM. DHF

5.0 Reports

5.1 Hon. Treasurer: JU circulated updated figures. The increase in interest reflects the larger amount on deposit rather than an increased interest rate. The accounts have been sent to the auditors and will be returned in time for the AGM in April. JU

5.2 Hon Secretary: PL read out the letter which will be sent out to all license holders this covers plans for the new constitution as well as a form for a 2017 license; the letter is to be added to the website. PL reminded the committee that only full members of the BOHT can vote at the AGM. PL

5.3 The committee agreed that some funds should go towards repairing holes in the damn and rebuilding the Cockle Path. PL to contact Drakes, PB and KG to show Drakes the problems. PL/PB/ KG

5.4 The new red buoy has disappeared, CH suspects the shackles have been tampered with. Note from day after the meeting:

On the 2nd February CH reports "...I contacted Robert Smith at Wells this morning. He recovered the buoy a couple of weeks ago as he had a report from a member of the public about a buoy washed up. Originally thought to have come from Wells, when recovered it was found to be ours; unfortunately he did not let me know about this at the time, not wishing to bother me. He has taken the buoy back to the WH workshop to fit a new type of shackle which cannot be undone in the conventional sense, as it has a hammered pin. As Robert pointed out, if we weld, it will then require cutting gear to be taken to the beach if we need to separate buoy and mooring. He has placed a small buff in place of the outer buoy until he can replace the proper article, which he hopes to do within the next few days. At the same time he will change over the shackle on the other new red. The comment was again made that it appears the only way the buoy could have come free was by deliberate release.

I passed on the committee's thanks to Robert and his team for their continuing and valued assistance.

KG Perhaps you could give my details to Ben and Tom and ask them to let me know if they see anything amiss with the buoys?

6.0 Any Other Business

6.1 BOHT's Facebook page was originally used for information before there was a website. Currently only being used for disparaging comments. However, it was agreed to continue with the page and hope it is used for more constructive comments in the future.

6.2 For the AGM on 14th April, PL will put notices advertising the AGM on village boards and in local magazines. DHF will present a report, summarising the minutes throughout the year plus report on the new constitution. JU and PL will present their reports. An agenda will be circulated to this committee before the meeting. PL/JU/ DHF

6.3 These minutes to be circulated for comments/amendments before being added to the website prior to the 14th April. JH

6.4 PL will continue to be Hon. Secretary and JH will be paid to take the minutes and do admin associated with the committee.

6.5 Date of next meeting: AGM on Friday 14th April at 6pm, Overy Village Hall

Meeting finished at 21.05