



**Burnham Overy Harbour Trust Management Committee  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May 2017, 7pm, Burnham Overy Village Hall**

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

Apologies: Tom Leicester, David Hart, David de Stacpoole, Pete Low (Hon. Secretary), Andrew Green, Iain Mackechnie-Jarvis, Sarah Henderson

Guest: Jane Heasman (JH) (minutes)

**1.0 Minutes of Last Meeting**

1.1 The minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2017 were approved.

**2.0 Matters Arising**

- 2.1 Unlicensed boats: The old speed boat could not be disposed of by Holkham Farming. JH to arrange for it to be disposed of by a commercial company with an agreed budget up to £300. Broken red gunnel boat belongs to Will Purdy, RW to ask him to remove this. Tender to Whiskey – DHF to ask Honk Bickell to remove or licence the tender. JH RW
- 2.2 Agreed that “support the creek, buy a license” notices would be put onto unlicensed boats. JH to make and give to TG for any committee member to attach to unlicensed boats. JH
- 2.3 JH to contact Sally Bettison from Highways Agency to confirm who owns the North bank beyond the verge. JH
- 2.4 Paul Goakes has confirmed that a second unofficial mooring I16 has been installed with the initials MS. Mr Goakes would like this unauthorised mooring to be removed as if a boat was put onto it, it would damage his boat.
- 2.5 Cockle Path: PB and SH looked at the path. SH to plant some suaeda to secure smaller vegetation during high tides. SH to cut back vegetation along raised path before half term. SH will repair path with spoil from dam work in the autumn. SH
- 2.6 Bridge: this is still to be re-instated. PB to liaise with SH on next suitable high tide. PB/SH
- 2.7 Dam: PB to liaise with Drakes who are due to quote for works over the summer to carry out repairs to the dam and the quay in the autumn. PB

**3.0 Constitution**

- 3.1 DHF updated the committee on negotiations between BOHT and CRH who are represented by George Parry and Michael Smith.
- 3.2 The principals of the new constitution remain the same as the original.
- 3.3 The main point, which is unresolved is representation on the BOHT management committee. DHF is expecting a letter from Michael Smith confirming the latest position of the CRH's but this had not been received at the time of the meeting.

The committee discussed the role of the various bodies currently represented and agreed to consult each body to understand their needs and position.

- 3.4 DHF reported that The CRH's have requested a nominable fee from BOHT for the use of the common land, this would be a symbolic gesture which acknowledges the CRH rights.

- 3.5 DHF requested another member of the current BOHT management committee joins him for the next meeting with George Parry and Michael Smith – JH will contact the committee via email/post when the next meeting is arranged. JH
- 3.6 SR, on behalf of the committee, thanked DHF, George Parry and Michael Smith for their work towards the new constitution.
- 4.0 Reports**
- 4.1 JU circulated the updated accounts – attached.
- 4.2 Agreed that as well as repairing the dam, Drakes should also quote for repairing the 3 groynes north of Bank Hole groyne and repair work required on the quay which is used by everyone and the BOHT agreed to contribute to repair costs. PB to speak to Drakes and have quotes for all of the above to be discussed at the next BOHT meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> July. PB
- 4.3 Agreed that KG can spend up to £2,000 on extra channel marker buoys (estimate is that one red and 3 green are required). KG
- 5.0 Any Other Business**
- 5.1 Land ownership: The 1922 conveyance of the Burnhams can be viewed at the Estate Office, Holkham at 10am on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, please let JH know if you would like to come along (Tel: 710 227).
- 5.2 DHF has approached the Crown Estate to confirm the extent of the Crown’s ownership of the creek.
- 5.3 DHF and SR explained the land registry process. It is open Overy Parish Council to challenge Holkham’s ownership of the creek if it can provide evidence to show Title to any part of the land.
- 5.4 DHF reminded the committee that the BOHT meetings are open to all and dates are on the website.
- 5.5 SR and PC asked if the stiles over the fence around the Patch could be altered to allow dogs through. DHF to ask SH. SR confirmed that the Wildfowlers are happy with the fence and signs as these keep the public out as well as stopping any grazing cattle from spreading over the marshes. DHF/SH
- 5.6 DHF reported that Wells Harbour had moved the channel marker buoys into their correct position today.
- 5.7 Chris Henson has resigned from the committee and DHF thanked him for all his hard work. KG has agreed to liaise with Robert Smith, Wells Harbour, over the channel marker buoys. KG
- 5.8 As discussed at the AGM it was agreed to display a mooring map at the Boathouse with note saying “for illustrative purposes only, if your mooring has changed names please call 710 227”. JH to copy and laminate for TG. JH
- 5.9 DHF to write to owners of Samphire, Burnham Norton as they are advertising a mooring to be sold with their house sale. The mooring is not owned by an individual only the mooring gear. If anyone knows of any mooring being sold please let DHF know and he will contact the “seller”. DHF
- 5.10 SR discussed a request he had received from Charlotte Chapman who has asked if she can put her refreshment van on the hard over the summer. The committee agreed to decline this request because it risked intensifying commercial use of the hard. SR to respond to Charlotte – DHF happy to speak to her about other possible locations. SR/DHF
- 5.11 KG mentioned questioned whether committee officers were officially elected at the AGM. TG said that he had observed the election of officers. PC said that he had not observed it either. The committee agreed that the election of officers was not observed by some sitting at the back of the hall. DHF noted that the election is recorded in the minutes but added that perhaps not everyone could hear as he was sitting down:

From the 2017 AGM minutes:

*The current officers had indicated their willingness to continue in post and no other nominations had been received.*

5.12 SR informed the committee that the EA are planning to cut hedges in the area and he will contact them to ask that this is kept to a minimum as the EA causes a great deal of damage during the cutting.

SR

Meeting finished at 20.35