

**BURNHAM OVERY HARBOUR TRUST
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**

**Minutes of the Meeting
held at 7.00pm on May 13th 2016
at Burnham Overy Village Hall**

PRESENT: David Horton-Fawkes (Chair), Jane Heasman, Tim Gatti (TG)(Boathouse), Pam Thompson, Kevin Gathercole, Peter Beck (PB) (Trustee), Chris Henson, Peter Connor, Will Purdy (WP), Peter Low (Hon.Sec.), Jonnie Usher (Hon.Treas.), John Lumley (JL) David MacLean, Simon Raven (SR), Andrew Green

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: David de Stacpoole (Trustee), Sarah Henderson, Tom Leicester (Trustee), David Hart (Trustee)

1.0 MINUTES OF THE MEETING: held on March 4th had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.

2.0 MINUTES OF THE AGM: had been circulated and were agreed as a true record.

3.0 Matters arising from the AGM

- 3.1 The Chairman and WP will meet those involved with Brancaster harbour to explain their approach to managing moorings and will report back at July meeting.
- 3.2 The issue of profit to the boathouse from the moorings maintained by them was raised and whether the arrangement was equitable. It was noted that the same question might be asked in relation to individuals deriving income from recorded moorings.
- 3.3 The desirability of having surveyed moorings numbered and identifiable by tag or numbered buoy was again confirmed. The Secretary to bring an example tag and costs to the July meeting.

4.0 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1 The Chairman explained that there should be transparency over the Trust's actions and policies. Following the AGM, it was agreed to develop the skeleton website to provide greater information, including the management structure, contacts, minutes, ownership map of the harbour and mooring map. The Secretary confirmed that he would undertake this.
- 4.2 The Secretary will draft a new issue of Up the Creek newsletter.
- 4.3 The mooring map is to be displayed at the Hard and there was discussion as to its location, TG will kindly display a copy on the Boathouse door. WP to circulate pdf of moorings map to Chairman and Secretary.
- 4.4 The seaward side of the information panel at the entrance to the hard was proposed for a general Noticeboard displaying similar content to the website. The Chairman, WP and TG to look at the sign to see if this is viable.

5.0 MOORINGS POLICY

- 5.1 There was discussion regarding the Trust's policy on allowing any additional moorings whilst the management regime was still under discussion. The committee were reminded that it has been previously agreed that no further moorings would be permitted and that the requirement to maintain the fairway is over-arching.
- 5.2 The rights of the CRH's were acknowledged, with the proviso that as noted previously their moorings are ancillary to the registered right. The details of Rights Holders are recorded at County Hall and are readily accessed.
- 5.3 The Chairman to circulate to all committee members a map of the harbour showing ownership; to be discussed at the July meeting.

6.0 MUD DOCK

- 6.1 It was reported that an outline of the proposal had been submitted to the Environment Agency for their comment and advice. It was agreed that further consideration of this and related ideas should wait until a response had been received.

7.0 REPAIRS TO THE HARD

- 7.1 Two quotations had been received for repair to the surface of the hard, from Carben Construction and Wordingham Plant Hire. There was discussion as to the materials being employed to fill low areas and potholes, it being noted that crushed granite had been used by one contractor locally at Morston. The work was expected to take about a week, requiring the movement of the boats on the hard.
- 7.2 It was agreed to proceed with Carben Construction. JL to obtain a new quote for whole area of the hard to incorporate sufficient gradient to allow water to drain off. JL asked that PB might assist and advise.

8.0 REPORTS

- 8.1 **Treasurer** – a comparison of the 4 months to date was presented. Current year expenditure is £2343.48 and income received £5281.27 producing a surplus of £2937.79.
- 8.2 **Secretary** – reported that at this early stage of the season applications for licences suggested a greater take up than last year, it being noticeable that a number of established users had already chosen to register this year having not done so last season.
- 8.3 Letters had been sent to owners of illegally moored and/or apparently abandoned craft who could be identified and in one case had contributed to a vessel been removed from the harbour. With the assistance of the Boathouse, other abandoned craft were being identified and "please remove" stickers will be applied where appropriate.

9.0 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 9.1 SR offered the committee's belated best wishes to the Chairman on his appointment

NEXT MEETING

Friday 8th July at 7pm

The meeting closed at 8.20pm

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