

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE, NEWTON FERRERS ON  
SEPTEMBER 15<sup>TH</sup> 2016**

Members

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| * Mr M J Oates– Chairman | * Mr D Southwood -Vice Chairman |                  |
| * Mr R Carter            | @ Mr D Drought                  | Mr J Endicott    |
| * Mr T Holway            | * Mr D Hussell                  | @ Mr J A Leonard |
| * Mr M Mears             | * Mr A Matthews                 | * Mr A A Tubb    |

- \* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master \* Mrs H Phillips

*\*Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

Peter Taylor attended the meeting as a representative of the Parish Plan. He ran through a brief explanation of what the plan was trying to achieve and how it would work. He then suggested that it would be strongly advisable that the Harbour Authority made a contribution to the plan. They should compile a wish list with a statement of intent for the next 20 years. It was agreed that some thought should be put into this suggestion and we run through some ideas at the next meeting. An agenda item to this effect will be made for the October meeting.

**66/16 MINUTES**

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved. Members who were not present at the previous meeting , Martyn Oates, Martin Mears and David Southwood abstained from the vote.

**67/16 MATTERS ARISING**

Nothing.

**68/16 CORRESPONDENCE**

A letter was received regarding the Post Office. The village is taking over the running of the store and are needing donations to ensure that this happens. It was felt that this was outside the remit of the Authority and that we should not donate.

**69/16 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

**Profit and Loss report**

Sales: visitor fees for August amounted to £13,350.

Overheads: - The main expenditure has been in Sundry which consisted of £447.50 for Green rubbish sacks and £58 for new signs.

## **Balance sheet**

1. The bank accounts to date are: Santander Current Account £30,062. Santander Reserve account £85,042 and the Barclays 10 day notice account £89,100.

## **Cash flow**

The sales in July and August were down on projections. September figures are currently on target but bookings at Bridgend are down which could mean October figures are down too.

Under expenditure: Main expense for August was £634 under toilet and showers which was for janitorial supplies. The contingency fund for Legal and Professional has been moved to December figures.

## **70/16 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

Sad to report that in early August one of our assistant Harbour Masters David Ray passed away. The HM wrote to his wife and had a very nice letter back.

Boat Nights are currently 3411 which is approximately 140 up on last year but 420 down on 2014.

08/08 – David Wain reported losing two outboards from Sally moored on his quay on either 31/07 or 01/08. His neighbour also reported losing one.

11/08 – 0430 netters seen on CCTV by Wide Slip in a dory with a PH number. Due to surveillance pattern only seen on two short snatches. IFCA have been informed and have since viewed and copied the CCTV footage.

7/08 – Norman Biddle reported losing two outboards.

13/08 – Regatta Finals and Fireworks seem to go well.

23/08 – RNLi towed Shande to the mouth of the river and HM then took over and towed her back to her mooring.

26/08 – Seiche in early hours cause damage to a number of outhauls and turned at least one dinghy over. Hooe Lake reported up to 8 knots of movement at the entrance resulting in lots of damage and sunken boats.

29/08 – A visitor had an inflatable and outboard stolen from Wide Slip. The CCTV shows two men arriving at 0230, one of them gets in the boat and paddles out. It has been assumed that he stole Phil Belsham's outboard from his boat that went missing that night. They were then seen carrying the dinghy and outboards up the slip and left about 0313. Police have viewed the footage but not taken copies as identification is not possible.

CCTV scan patterns have now been altered.

9-10/09 – Salcombe Yacht Club rally. 16 boats on Top pontoon.

Pacific Oyster have been a bit of a problem by the harbour office and Wide Slip with quite a few cut feet. Martyn Oates has cleared a strip of the beach by Wide Slip which has been appreciated.

With the reduction in South Hams rubbish collections rats have become an issue this year. They have not been caught by the bait or traps. A price for a custom made storage unit has been received at a cost of £1800. The committee felt that this was an operations matter for the HM to deal with.

#### **71/16 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – Absent

Brixton – Nothing to report

Newton & Noss – Pope’s quay is in need of some work. We have instructed Phil Carter to do some work for us.

Yealmpton – Waiting to hear from Yealmpton who is to replace Peter.

#### **72/16 CHAIRMAN’S COMMENTS**

Nothing

#### **73/16 AOB**

1. Individuals have been seen collecting buckets of shellfish from the foreshore. It was suggested that we check with IFCA to see what we should do about commercial collection. Andrew Matthews pointed out that our lease makes it clear that no collection of shellfish from the beach is permitted.
2. Martin Mears reported a pile of rubble just off of Bridgend Quay which made his approach to the drying berths very difficult. He was wondering if we could arrange to have it flattened.
3. Parking at Yealm steps by inconsiderate individuals is becoming an increasing problem. A request was made that we approach the Highways department at Devon County council. Martin Mears agreed to draft a letter and send to the relevant department to this effect.

#### **74/16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Harbour Authority will be held on **Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2016** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**