

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE NEWTON FERRERS ON
SEPTEMBER 19TH 2013**

Members

@ Mr D Drought – Chairman	* Mr M Mears	@ Mr P Stitson
* Mr R Carter	* Mr A Matthews	* Mr D Southwood
* Mr A A Tubb	* Mr J A Leonard	@ Mrs S Cooper
* Mr P Fellows	* Mr M J Oates	

* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master * Mrs H Phillips

• *Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

In the absence of Dermot Drought Martyn Oates chaired the meeting. The new parish representative Peter Stitson is not going to be able to stand and the parish are electing a new representative.

48/13 MINUTES

The Minutes for July were agreed.

49/13 MATTERS ARISING

1. Covered in meeting

50/13 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Police email – a community message was received stating that Newton and Noss area are being targeted for marine crime and that local residents should be vigilant.
2. Mark Gatehouse – wrote in requesting a floating pod, similar to the ones in use in Salcombe. After careful consideration it was decided that, despite it being relatively unobjectionable lying off Mr Gatehouse's property, it would create a precedent for pontoons elsewhere in the Harbour which would be objectionable for navigational and visual reasons, the committee therefore voted against this.
3. Rotary Club – wrote to thank us for accommodating their rally.

51/13 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit and Loss report

1. Reports were produced for both July and August. Nothing much to comment on July, the main activity in August has been visitor income showing £17,230 which was ahead of the months target.

Balance sheet

1. Our account balances are Santander Current Account £19,056, Santander Reserve account £30,064 and Barclays 10 day notice £85,591.64.

Cash flow

Income: July and August income is higher than projected but this follows a number of months not reaching projection. We have also revised the September income figures down.

Closing balance despite this the closing bank balance is up on prediction. This is mainly due to the lower Corporation Tax bill, the lower than projected rates bill and unexpected refund of two years rates and also the rent not increasing. Some of our other expenses are slightly down.

52/13 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

- Visitor numbers - Boat nights are currently 3720 ahead of the whole of last years figures but still down on 2011.
- 23/07 – a visitor's 2.5 Honda outboard was stolen.
- 28/07 – the wreck of the burnt out boat was removed from Bridgend by Hi-ab and the individual settled all costs. He has now bought himself a new boat and has visited the Yealm.
- 7-8th /08 – a rib and a Fletcher speedboat, both visitors on moorings on the river had equipment and fuel stolen.
- 16/08 - a Mr Baddeley had his 4.5 mercury outboard stolen from the river near Kiln Quay.
- 17/09 – a rib on a trailer was stolen from a drive in Noss Mayo. There have also been reports of outboards stolen from Stoke Caravan Park.
- Various rallies - 10/08 RDYC – 6 boats
10/08 Red Fox owners - 6 boats
5-6/09 Hallberg Rassey 14 boats
14/09 Salcombe Yacht Club 12 boats
- Byelaws – We have now received a signed copy of the Byelaws back from the DfT.
- Rates – The rating revaluation is virtually concluded. Old rates payable £3645, new combined rateable value is £13,750 fixed until 2017. Our multiplier is 0.462 to be increased by RPI each year equating to £6352.50. Far better than worst-case scenario of a Rateable Value of £21k. Vickery Holman had capped their charges to negotiate this for us at £2500. Their final bill is £1575 plus VAT.

53/13 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Nothing to report

Brixton – Nothing to report

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report

Yealmpton – Nothing to report

54/13 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing to add

55/13 POLICY ISSUES

Rule 4.4 under moorings it was suggested that this be amended to read lapses or is relinquished. Also 15.2 disposal of waste be removed. These were agreed and will be changed.

56/13 CANOES/KAYAKS AND PADDLES

After an extended debate Andrew Matthews proposed that:
“a seasons charge of £10 will be levied on Kayaks/ Canoes paddleboards and windsurfers with effect from 01/01/2014.” This was seconded by Martin Mears. Martyn Oates abstained from the vote everyone else was in favour. Suitable signage should be placed at all potential launching sites to include Bridgend, The Brook, Noss Hard, Kilpatrick steps and Yealm Steps.

57/13 FUNDUS BY SHIP INN

Not an issue as being dealt with by parish.

58/13 AOB

1. Helen Phillips requested that the authority continue to fund her studies in book keeping and accounting to achieve level 3 in AAT. It was agreed that the course would be paid for and the five exams paid for individually once each one was passed.
2. A salary sub committee needs to be set up prior to the budget meetings. David Southwood, Andrew Matthews, Rodney Carter and either Dermod or Martyn to attend along with the Robert Dearn and Helen Phillips will attend the meeting on Monday 7th October at 10am. The budget sub committee was also set up to consist of Dermod or Martyn, Peter Fellows, Rodney Carter and Andrew Matthews along with Robert Dearn and Helen Phillips on the 21st October again at 10am.

59/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 17th October** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman