

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON JULY 19th 2012**

Members

* Mr D Drought – Chairman	@ Mr M Mears	* Mr P Gough
* 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*

39/12 MINUTES

The minutes of the last meeting were approved.

40/12 MATTERS ARISING

1. The individual that the police were searching for and whose photograph was displayed on the notice board has now been detained.
2. Others covered in the meeting.

41/12 CORRESPONDENCES

1. Sewage Leaks into the river – ten letters have now been sent out to various interested parties including South West Water. A public meeting has been arranged for the WI Hall on the 30th August and is being organised by Gary Streeter in conjunction with the Harbour Office and the Parish. Another meeting had been arranged for the 31st July with Mark Jacobs from South West Water but this should now be postponed until after the public meeting.
2. Non-Domestic Rates – documentation has been received in connection with the Harbour rates. Having made contact with our accountants for help on completing the paperwork they suggested that we send a holding letter explaining that this is our busy period and that we will address this in the autumn. In the meantime we should contact other small harbour and find out what stance they are taking on this.
3. Wembury steps – a letter has been received in connection with the TAP fund the joint parish venture to help pay towards the cost of repairing Wembury Steps. Newton and Noss Parish will need to respond before the deadline of September.

42/12 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit and Loss report

The interest payments into our bank account have now been amended to be gross and not net as requested by the accountants.

Balance sheet

1. The transfer of funds from Santander to Barclays has now taken place bringing Santander into the compensation scheme limits.

Cash flow

1. Visitor numbers are low this year due to the bad weather. As a result income is down. We have reduced the income figures for July to better reflect this. The end of year figure is down about £8500, which isn't bad when you consider the unexpectedly high corporation tax bill.

43/12 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Visitor numbers continued poor weather has resulted in cancelled rallies and visitor numbers being down. Currently boat nights are 1556, 437 down on last year.
2. Harbour Launch – Tony Dunn has serviced the launch engine and fitted a new mechanical tacometer the digital one being broken.
3. Yealm Steps - Mark Wilson has now repaired and replaced the battens on the slip.
4. Thefts - John Drewer has had a fuel tank with fuel stolen from his dory between 12-19 June.
5. Rallies – 1st and 2nd July despite the poor weather we had three groups of yachts with some blind sailors on board.
6. Pontoons- Options
 - i. **Marine Designs** – only just come back with a partial quote. They have estimated £700 per meter, which would equate to £33600. This would be a new untested system.
 - ii. **Intermarine** - have produced a very detailed quote with adjustable legs at a price of £119,280. It would be the same price to have skids instead of legs.
 - iii. **Docking Solutions** – Peter Robson visited today and explained the improvements over existing set up. The main change would be the joints, which they have perfected at Milford Haven. He is also revising grounding shoe options and he implied that some form of adjustment would be possible. His original price of £67, 500 will have to be adjusted.

The consensus of opinion was that Docking Solutions were the better option being as they are familiar with the river and based locally. It was agreed that we wait for the revised spec from docking solutions and then make a decision. Tony Tubb proposed that in light of the fact that the next meeting will not be until September the sub committee make a decision to proceed with the quotation and pay a deposit of up to £25k. This was seconded by Martyn Oates and unanimously agreed.

44/12 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Nothing further

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report

Yealmpton – Nothing to report.

45/12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing to add.

46/12 A.O.B.

The Harbour Master requested that a date be set for the Salaries sub committee meeting prior to the budget meetings. This was arranged for Thursday September 20th at 10.am and will consist of Martyn Oates, John Leonard, Rodney Carter and Andrew Matthews.

47/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 20th September** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman