

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON JUNE 21ST 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. Balance sheet – at the previous meeting a query was raised on why there was an outstanding balance on the New Pontoon. Having contacted the Accountants they explained that this was due to us not paying the full amount of the original bill. There is still an amount outstanding to be paid along with an amount that was paid to the boatman for extra work. The accountants will clear this at the end of the year.
2. Yealm Steps Quay – Mark Wilson has agreed to clad or make the quay safe in the short term.

41/12 CORRESPONDENCES

1. Deed of ratification – an invoice and letter were received from Trobridges in connection with an unforeseen element not covered in the original bill. It was proposed by Tony Tubb and seconded by Martyn Oates that this should be paid, and unanimously agreed.
2. Newton and Noss Parish Council – have written informing us that Rodney Carter, Tony Tubb and Peter Gough will continue to represent them.
3. The Police have asked us to put up a picture of an individual who absconded from a court in London and is wanted on child sex abuse charges. He may be living rough in the area or on a boat, if sighted the police need to be informed.

42/12 FINANCIAL REPORTS

Profit and Loss report

Figures show that we have almost reached budget on harbour dues and all mooring categories.

Balance sheet

1. We have reduced our balance in Santander bank by 20K by transferring it to Barclays. This has put us over the limit, at a total of £101,000, but we felt that this was a better option.

Cash flow

1. The income for May is down on forecast due to lack of visitors, and we have reduced the income for June by £1000 to give a better reflection of predicted figures.
2. The general expenses are higher than forecast mainly as a result of EDF failing to collect two quarters direct debits and then collecting three quarters in one month.

43/12 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. Yealm Steps Pontoon a visit was made by the Harbour Master and David Southwood to Seaworks Exhibition in Southampton, Rodney was unable to attend due to illness. A number of stands were visited with various companies coming back with suggestions and costings.
 - i. *Intermarine owner John Dudley* was in the village on holiday so was able to make a site visit and seems to understand our requirements and has spent significant time designing. His quote should be available shortly.
 - ii. *Marine Designs of Falmouth* this is the individual who designed and installed the current pontoon and is now working for this firm in Falmouth. He suggested either an improved version of what we currently have or a new system that they have been working with in Scotland, which involves plastic tubing following the contours of the beach. They are going to quote on both systems.

The question of pilings was raised and it was suggested that the quotes should be made including and excluding the cost of them, so that a decision can be made whether or not to proceed with them..

2. Dinghy rack – various people have approached us asking whether or not it would be possible to install a dinghy rack at Yealm steps.
3. Boatman Charge – the yacht club suggested that provision had been made to pay the boatman for the support at the Jubilee Parade. It was agreed that the Authority would absorb this cost.
4. Rodney Bastard – has approached us requesting that we increase the size of the speed sign up at Kitley and that also the lettering is on both sides of the sign not just one. It was agreed that this could be done.
5. Sewage leaks from manholes – the problem of sewage leaking directly into the river is still ongoing, several people have come into the office and the Environment Agency emergency hotline has been given out. It was suggested that we might have some form of liability if we know that it is happening but are not making the public aware. It was agreed that a letter of complaint be sent to South West Water, Martyn Oates has drafted a copy see attached. This should then be forwarded to the Environment Agency, Gary Streeter, William Mumford, Sally Mountjoy at Spotlight, Plymouth Port Health, The Crown Estates, The Water Council, SHDC planning and AONB and Suzie Cooper. A notice also needs to be put up at all the common access sites drawing people's attention to this problem.
6. Trinity House visit - 24th May an inspection was carried out on all Seamarks. This went well although some third party cable beacons are now noted as 'missing from station' as opposed to 'not seen'. Apparently this raises the stakes for the third parties and they may be fined.
7. Thefts from the river – John Stansell reported that a fuel can was emptied from his boat on the 31st May and a wet line dinghy was stolen from wide slip with a 3.3 hp mariner.
8. Jubilee Parade of Sail – the parade was a great success the weather was fine and the event was completed without problems.

9. Gale Force winds – caused a number of problems including a Jeaneau 21.7's jib came partially unfurled and eventually capsized. Blaze's jib also came unfurled and sailed into Tommy Taylor and Mark Beighton's boats causing significant damage. Various sails, sail covers and dodges also came loose and needed attention.
10. Passage Race -16th June this was cancelled due to extreme weather.

44/12 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Dermod has made a request that the Wembury steps be partially funded by the joint parish monies fund and they are writing to the other parishes on the river for their agreement on this.

Brixton – nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – the parish have been approached with possible concerns over the shower heads at the Yacht Club becoming contaminated and the possibility of Legionnaires disease. Should we be concerned about this. It was felt that regular washes with bleach would eliminate this possibility.

Yealmpton – absent.

45/12 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

Nothing to add.

46/12 A.O.B.

Tony Tubb made apologies for the Crabbers being moored in Noss Creek and causing some problems. They were launched earlier than usual and their moorings weren't ready. New moorings will shortly be laid.

47/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next monthly meeting will be held on **Thursday 19th July** in the Harbour Office, Newton Ferrers at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman