

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON January 19<sup>th</sup> 2012**

Members

* Mr R Carter – Chairman	@ Mr M Mears	* Mr P Gough
* Mr D Drought	* Mrs R Watts	* Mr A Matthews
* 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*

**01/12 MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

**02/12 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Quay – we have contacted Robin Toogood who suggested we speak to a Stephen Forsey who is the estate manager. Robert Dearn has emailed him but has had no response to date.
2. RNSA – after various discussions with the RNSA they have decided to change their mooring to an honesty collection system from this year. A proposal was made by A Matthews that the RNSA continue to have a mooring on the river. This was seconded by Tony Tubb and unanimously agreed.
3. Environmental Issues – Rodney still needs to discuss this matter with Martyn Oates.
4. Wembury quay – Dermod Drought has sent a report to John Hart and Robin Toogood and he is still waiting for a reply.
5. Website – there are still some amendments to be made on this we will contact James Page again to update these things.
6. Non-use – three letters were sent out to individuals who it was felt were not using their moorings. All came back with acceptable excuses and these will continue to be monitored.

**03/12 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Island Trust has contacted us. They are a charity run for disadvantaged children, and were requesting a discount on their visitor rates when they come into the river. The boats are of various lengths and it was felt that they should be charged a flat rate of 10m irrespective of the size of the boat. Everyone approved this.

**04/12 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. The December figures were presented to the committee in the normal format. There was very little to report at this stage. The main activity being this years payments for invoices coming in. It was felt that this is slower than last year but we will have to wait until the end of the month to find out if this is the case.

## **05/12 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

1. Pontoons – Walcon are to replace the damaged floats and add spacing framework to increase buoyancy to try to achieve 475mm freeboard. The pontoons have been moved around the river while this is being sorted. One of the 9m sections was moored for five weeks without incident but unfortunately under a wind over tide situation it came into collision with Campion, Mark Studd's boat. He had just had the boat repainted and we are currently looking into having it sorted for him.
2. Shore Store is lined up to buy the old pontoons when the new ones are sorted. One 4 hp outboard has been stolen from Starlight Express on the Wembury side.
3. Outhaul tags – we have now put out 150 tags on the outhauls and people are coming into let us know their numbers.
4. Yealm Steps Pontoon – there is a problem of the pontoon lying at an awkward angle, which became even more pronounced after the strong winds of recent weeks. We asked Mark Wilson about the possibility of a concrete plinth but he didn't feel that this was a good idea. They came back with an idea of putting rail tracks at 90 degrees to the pontoon with sleepers lashed to the rails. It was felt that with the movement in the pontoon that this would have to be very large. Rodney suggested piles as used by Marinas. This needs to be looked into further.
5. Poachers – are back in the river and have been reported on two occasions. Martyn Plough is liaising with Rodney Bastard and the Environment agency to try to get this sorted. They have changed their vehicle to a Discovery and we think that they are still using the blue dory.
7. Planning – Rodney Suzie and the Harbour Master visited Madge Point to look at the proposed new quay and slipway. There is no reason for us to object to this.

## **06/12 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – The man who was dropping black bags in the river has now gone.

Brixton – Absent

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report.

Yealmpton – Absent.

## **07/12 POLICY ISSUES**

Nothing to amend

## **08/12 HEALTH AND SAFETY**

Nothing to amend at present.

## **09/12 CHIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

Nothing to add.

## **10/12 A.O.B.**

Nothing to report

**11/12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**