

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON JULY 21ST 2011**

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*

The meeting was started by welcoming Robert Dearn who has now taken over as Harbour Master from Robin Page.

62/11 MINUTES

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

63/11 MATTERS ARISING

1. The previous minutes referred to the regatta barge, it was felt that this should be amended to raft.
2. Crab tiles in the river – these are still there and will be removed shortly.
3. The request by Mr Crawford regarding the Brock dinghy has been replied to with no further response.
4. The request for a payment to the regatta fireworks has now been paid.
5. P Irvine's planning application has been looked into and there are no objections.
6. The suspense account under the income section is an adjustment by Franklins and needs to be cleared. This will be sorted in due course.
7. Trinity House has done their annual check.
8. Rule 6 needs to be amended to read vessel and not dinghy – this was unanimously agreed.
9. Mooring holders elections – the process will begin in September with notices being issued in the Western Morning News and the parish magazines. This will allow for some form of promotion being made by the individuals. This will need to be revisited at the September meeting.
10. The pontoon at Yealm steps planks rising are caused by the expansion gap being insufficient. The manufacturer has offered assistance rectifying this and we hope to look at again in the autumn.
11. Environmental Issues this has been delayed to the next meeting as Martyn Oates is not at this meeting.

64/11 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A letter has been received from Robin Page, thanking the committee for his present of a Kindle, which he is really enjoying.
2. The rotary club wrote to say thank you for another successful rally.

3. A Crawford has requested a new partnership with Jan and Ray Knight in a shared boat for his mooring. All parties are resident and A Matthews proposed that we accept this arrangement and it was unanimously agreed.

65/11 FINANCIAL REPORTS

1. Income for the month of June is down on the forecasted figure by £3500 as a result of poor visitor numbers.
2. A number of outstanding bills have come in this month and the deposit for the new pontoon bringing our expenditure figure to £13,079 this month. This was made up of invoices from Mark Wilson amounting to just over £2000, the pontoon deposit of £9,600 and the usual incidentals.
3. The next quarter's rent has now been paid to the Crown.
4. There was nothing of significance to report on the Profit and Loss or Balance Sheet.

66/11 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

1. The boat nights for this year are currently 2150 as opposed to 2481 last year down 331.
2. Several rallies have failed to get here this year with numbers well down on expected on the ones that have arrived.
3. A shower riser and handset have been replaced in the showers. People have reported having electric shocks from the light switch in the public toilet. James Baldwin has been investigating but to date has found nothing wrong. One of the assistants switched the light off whereupon there was a loud bang and the electrics tripped in the building. One of the committee members suggested that the best course of action would be to put a new switch in, to save time with testing to try and identify the fault.
4. Phil Carter is working on the chains in Noss Creek some of which are buried and some of which need replacing.
5. SWW are adopting all the pipes in the area that they have not previously owned.
6. After the problems with bin men on the Thursday collection Mark Wilson has agreed to carry the rubbish up to the top of the steps for them. It was agreed with South Hams that they would take this into consideration when billing us for the extra Tuesday collection.
7. Reference Area – details have been sent by Finding Sanctuary on a proposed area with responses to be sent via Gavin Black of Natural England. This is mainly intertidal but includes an eelgrass bed, where the area will extend to approx. 20m beyond MLWS. It was felt that we should respond and say that we would object to any proposal to the zone being beyond MHWS – MLWS in the proposed area and that it should not encroach on the area that the fisherman use on the point or where a number of boats anchor. The area is approx. 500m long extending roughly from the bar towards Wembury.

67/11 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON

Wembury – Dermod is still pursuing repair and ownership of Wembury Steps.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – The planning permission has now been granted to Crispins at Bridgend. There is an overhang into the river but it is no further than the existing window had been.

Yealmpton – Nothing to report.

68/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS

1. Freedom of Information – Andrew Matthews has draft a reply to the questions that we were asked for from the above. Although this is now outside of the dead line it was debated whether or not we should respond. The question of potential costs was debated. It was unanimously agreed that we should respond. This will be looked at by Robert and Rodney and sent in due course.

69/11 A.O.B.

Nothing to report.

70/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 15th September** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

Chairman