

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER YEALM HARBOUR  
AUTHORITY HELD IN THE HARBOUR OFFICE ON June 16th 2011**

Members

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| * 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 F Page - Harbour Master    \* Mr R Dearn – Harbour Master    \* Mrs H Phillips  
\* *Denotes attendance @ Denotes apology for absence*

**53/11 MINUTES**

The minutes from the previous meeting were agreed.

**54/11 MATTERS ARISING**

1. Tony Tubb – confirmed that the barge is covered under the regatta insurance.
2. It has not been possible to find the owners of the crab tiles so they will need to be removed from the river.

**55/11 CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Correspondence received to say Councillor Cooper is to represent SHDC on the committee for another year.
2. Email from a visitor to the river thanking Mark Wilson for being so helpful and commenting on the fact that he was an asset to the river.
3. A Crawford – is taking charge of the community sailing and has requested that the Brock Dinghy which is to be used for adult sailing lessons have its harbour dues waived and placed on Bridgend Quay free of charge. It was unanimously agreed that it would not be appropriate.
4. Regatta fireworks – a request has been made for a contribution towards the fireworks. It was agreed that the normal contribution of £50 be made.
5. SHDC have written about a request for planning permission by Mrs P Irvine to do some improvements to her quay. It was agreed that the harbour master should visit the site and ensure that the improvements do not encroach further onto the fundus of the river.

**56/11 FINANCIAL REPORTS**

1. The process has been started to change the signatories for both bank accounts from Robin Page to Robert Dearn.
2. The deposit has now been paid for the new replacement main pontoon.
3. The usual figures were presented to the committee with nothing of significance to note. A question was raised as to what the suspense account refers to. This will need to be answered at the next meeting.

## **57/11 HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

1. Visitor figures are on a par with last year.
2. Several rallies have taken place this year – RYS - 6 vessels, Westerly Owners and the Roborough Rotary, with several more booked.
3. Denham Productions has been filming a local food programme and bought a boat in to facilitate this.
4. The Passage race produced no problems last weekend.
5. Crime: there have been six outboards stolen, some from Bridgend, some visitor's outboards at Wide Slip. Police are aware but are not being successful at catching the individuals involved.
6. Rubbish – summer 2<sup>nd</sup> collection now underway. There is a problem regarding the Thursday collection with the bin men refusing to carry the rubbish up the steps. Further discussions will need to be had with South Hams Council on this.
7. The black bags are still appearing from the Kitley end of the river, despite searches being made for the individual involved.
8. Maintenance – The harbour launch has now been serviced. The signs have been renewed on Yealm steps pontoon. The public moorings have now all been replaced with large yellow buoys in common with neighbouring harbours. Wembury steps are an ongoing problem more pressure needs to be applied to Devon County Council.
9. Trinity House did their annual inspection of the marks on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. Usual problems with utility companies not maintaining their cable crossing marks, but no progress has been made on this. Otherwise all was found to be in order.
10. New main pontoon – Walcon have visited the office to discuss the new pontoon details and delivery dates. Safety ladder quotes have been requested. A 25% deposit has been invoiced and paid.
11. The Rules and Regulations have now been amended to take into account the recent policy changes. This includes the step aside list, banning spear fishing, only one mooring per person permitted and outboards having buckets on the propellor. Tony Tubb proposed that we accept this seconded by Dermot Drought and unanimously agreed. This new version will now be posted on the website as well as being available from the Harbour Office.

## **58/11 PARISH COUNCIL LIAISON**

Wembury – nothing to report.

Brixton – Nothing to report.

Newton & Noss – Nothing to report..

Yealmpton – Nothing to report.

South Hams District Council – Suzie Cooper asked if someone who hadn't moved into the village had been given a yawl mooring. The Harbour Master confirmed that this was not the case and that the rules regarding use of the Yacht Club moorings is the same as the rest of the river and that any abuse of this would result in removal the moorings from the Club.

## **59/11 CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS**

1. Mooring Holders Elections – it was agreed that the process for the elections – due in March 2012- needs to be started in August, in order to allow for candidates to put a small piece in the annual mailing that goes out with the invoices. A degree of criticism was received after the last elections because it was felt they weren't advertised enough locally and that the Parish Magazine would have been better than the Western Morning News. Unfortunately we are tied by our Bylaws, which are very difficult to change. It was unanimously agreed to change the timing process for the elections.

**60/11 A.O.B.**

1. Rosemary Watts raised the point that the Yealm Steps pontoon sometimes lies is at a precarious angle at low water. This may be as a result of build up of rock under it and we may need to arrange for someone to level it off. Also a number of slats are raised on occasions causing a potential hazard. This needs to be power washed down to remove the grit from underneath which is already planned.

**61/11 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July** in the Harbour Office at 6.00 p.m.

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**Chairman**