

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
held at Warsash Sailing Club, on Friday 5 September 2014

PRESENT

Chairman:

p Councillor S. D. T. Woodward

Vice-Chairman:

p Councillor Rob Humby

Councillors:

p G Burgess

a M.G. Cooper

p P Fawkes

p S Cully

p. D Harrison

p. F Pearce

p. A W Rice TD

p. G Ringrow

Eastleigh Borough Council

p Councillor Suzy Hamel

Fareham Borough Council

p Councillor T. M. Cartwright

Winchester City Council

p Councillor Victoria Weston

Associated British Ports

a Captain Martin Phipps

Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs

p Mr David Le Mare

British Marine Federation

p Nicola Walsh

Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association

a Mr. R. Boissier

Berth and Mooring Holders Representative

p Mr D. O'Malley

Royal Yachting Association

a Mr R Pritchard

50. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Associated British Ports, Rupert Boissier, Cllr Mark Cooper, and Roger Pritchard.

51. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest and, having regard to Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Personal Interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered, having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 4 of the Code, whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 5 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code.

Mr O'Malley declared pecuniary interests as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club; Hamble River Sailing Club and as a Mooring Holder; Cllr Cartwright declared pecuniary interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association; Ms Walsh declared a pecuniary interest as a Director of MDL Limited; Cllr Vicky Weston declared pecuniary interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; Cllr Suzy Hamel declared a pecuniary interest as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club and Mr David Le Mare declared pecuniary interests as a member of the RAF Yacht Club; the Royal Yachting Association and as a berth holder.

52. MINUTES

Members agreed to insert reference (Minute 38 refers) to the apology from Cllr Graham Burgess.

The Minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 27 June 2014 were otherwise confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

53. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were none.

54. DEPUTATIONS

There were none.

55. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour from 18 July 2014 together with a tabled supplementary report of events between 22 August and 4 September 2014.

Members discussed the continued appearance in the report of swimming off the Hamble Jetty for which the Parish Council was responsible for enforcement of its bylaw. There was a consensus for an appropriate letter from the Committee to the Council signalling the frequency with which Harbour Staff found people in breach.

In the absence of clear evidence of a deliberate or negligent breach, it was noted that no action had been taken against the boat owner whose vessel discharged diesel into the River.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

56. MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) on current issues.

The report was introduced by the Marine Director, and there was extensive discussion about the options for the Hamble Jetty following the rejection of the planning application by the Local Area Committee.

Cllr Weston suggested a southerly extension of the existing pontoon that could achieve further moorings on the outside of the pontoon together with double-raftering. This configuration would not have the navigational issues highlighted as a concern by the LAC, nor would it have any detrimental effect on the River and would have potential for income generation.

It was suggested a working group of Members, similar to that formed for the Warsash Slipway project, may be desirable to keep Members in touch with the progress of business.

Generally there was little support for options b), c) and d). Legal advice on the strength of using the appeals procedure was being prepared meanwhile Members were told there were unknowns of cost, officer commitment and outcome associated with an appeal.

Members felt the Harbour Authority should make use of the pre-application discussion facility with the Planning Authority to discuss a different design to elicit its likely recommendation.

The Warsash Slipway Project application, having been approved by the Environment Agency, was now with Fareham Borough Council prior to going to the Harbour Board in November.

The Marine Director indicated that commencement of works remained dependent on whether the works in water brought the project within the available framework agreements between the County Council and contractors. If not, then a full tender application process would necessarily be undertaken.

The Chairman agreed that the Committee should be kept informed of progress between meetings through the usual channels.

RESOLVED:

To note the report and to recommend that the Harbour Authority should make use of the pre-application discussion facility with the Local Planning Authority to discuss a different design likely to elicit a positive recommendation and to consider further options in relation to the Hamble Jetty.

57. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Environment and Development Manager and summarised environmental management between mid-June and mid-August 2014.

Members were told of the implementation of publication of Officer Decisions under Regulations made under the Localism Act 2012.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.

58. RIVER HAMBLE STATUTORY ACCOUNTS 2013/2014

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Corporate Resources and Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Principal Accountant and Members were told of the necessity to compile statutory accounts in accordance with the Companies Act 2006 for compliance with the Harbour Masters Act 1964 and were reassured that their content was the same material used in the management accounts approved by the Board on 18 July 2014.

RESOLVED:

The Committee note the report and recommend the Statutory Accounts for approval by the Harbour Board.

59. HARBOUR DUES 2015

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

The report was introduced by the Marine Director and Members noted the recommendation of 1.5% was equivalent to the CPI rate as at May 2014.

A Member was told that the harbour due charged was calculated by the length of the moorings which were banded together. The Chairman confirmed there had been no comment received from the River's Marinas on the proposed increase.

RESOLVED:

The Committee recommend an increase of 1.5% in Harbour Dues rates for 2015 for approval by the Harbour Board.

60. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 11 in the Minute Book) with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas.

RESOLVED:

That the report be noted.