

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE held at Warsash Sailing Club on 4 September 2015

**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**

a. 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 Brian Mead

**British Marine Federation**

p. Ms Nicola Walsh

**Hamble River Boatyard and Marina Operators Association**

p. Mr Rupert Boissier

**Berth and Mooring Holders Representative**

p. Mr Dermot O'Malley

**Royal Yachting Association**

p. Mr John Selby

## **108. NOTIFICATION OF FILMING AND BROADCAST**

The Chairman announced that the press and members of the public were permitted to film and broadcast the meeting. Those remaining at the meeting were consenting to being filmed and recorded, and to the possible use of those images and recording for broadcasting purposes.

## **109. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Cooper, Councillor Hamel and from Councillor Chegwyn the Liberal Democrat substitute Member.

## **110. 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 Brian Mead declared Personal Interests as a Member of the Royal Southern Yacht Club, mooring holder, Member of the Royal Yachting Association and Chairman of the Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs; Ms Nicola Walsh declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as an employee of MDL Limited.

Mr O'Malley declared Personal Interests as a member of Royal Southern Yacht Club; Hamble River Sailing Club and as a Mooring Holder; Cllr Cartwright declared Personal Interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association; Cllr Vicky Weston declared Personal Interests as a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder; Mr John Selby declared Personal Interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; member of the Royal Yachting Association and Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs and Committee Member of the River Hamble Combined Clubs.

## **111. MINUTES**

The minutes from the meeting held on 26 June 2015 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

## **112. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman welcomed the new Marine Director, Jason Scott, who started in post on the 23 July 2015.

### **113. DEPUTATIONS**

A deputation was received relating to Item 10 in the Minute Book (Harbour Works Consent Application – Brooklands Quay Slipway Extension).

Mr Mike Ward addressed the meeting on behalf of Marina Development Projects Ltd. The Committee were informed that the land in question was privately owned by one individual and that the proposals were entirely within the boundary of the property. The Committee were told that an extensive pre-application consultation had taken place and that comments had been thoroughly considered namely those from Curdrige Parish Council and the River Hamble Harbour Mooring Association.

The Chairman thanked Mr Ward for his input and suggested that the Harbour Works Consent report (Item 10 in the Minute Book) be brought forward for consideration.

### **114. HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION: BROOKLANDS QUAY SLIPWAY**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 10 in the Minute Book) setting out an application for Harbour Works Consent made by Marina Projects Limited on behalf of their client.

The Committee heard about proposals to construct an extension to an existing private slipway and the implementation of a mitigation package to recreate the intertidal habitat. It was proposed that construction would begin in summer 2016. A technical note was appended to the report outlining the details of the proposed extension.

Following Members' questions, the Marine Director confirmed that Trinity House had recommended that no marker should be used to mark the end of the new slipway. The end of the slipway would not be raised above the sea bed and would therefore present no additional navigational hazards worthy of marking. The Marine Director explained that the line of the slipway would be visible to water users and that no additional markers down the length of the slipway had been deemed necessary as these would present further navigational hazards. The Marine Director emphasised that the slipway would be highlighted on hydrographic charts.

In response to Members' queries, the Marine Director explained that sufficient consultation and patrols had taken place to monitor the volume of traffic across the area and that this would not present any issues. Members were reassured that Harbour safety remained a priority and that potential risks were continually reassessed.

## **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee advises the Harbour Board to approve Harbour Works Consent for the proposal set out in paragraph 3.3 of the report subject to the following conditions:

- a. The recommendation of Trinity House.
- b. A detailed method statement must be submitted by the applicant and approved by the Harbour Master in advance of any work commencing.
- c. A minimum of 7 days advance notice of the start of the works must be given to the Harbour Master in order that a Notice to River Users can be issued.
- d. The dock-head structure must be removed prior to commencing construction of the slipway.
- e. Vibro-piling must be used as standard, percussive piling should only be used if needed to drive a pile to its design depth. A soft-start procedure should be used if percussive piling is required. No percussive piling to be used during the sensitive period for overwintering birds, 1st October to 31st March inclusive.
- f. In accordance with Environment Agency guidelines, all reasonable precautions must be undertaken to ensure no pollutants enter the water-course. Ensure that any coatings/treatments on the materials used are suitable for use in the marine environment and are used in accordance with best environmental practice. All equipment and debris associated with the works must be removed from the area within 24 hours upon completion of the works.
- g. That works must be completed within 3 years from the date of the approval granted by the Harbour Board.

## **115. HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour from 18 July 2015.

It was reported that, although this had been a quiet period, patrols had continued to run between 06.30 and 22.30 on a daily basis. Members were informed that, as of the 1 October, patrols would run between 08.00 and 18.00 daily.

Discussion was held regarding incidents of vessels travelling at excessive speed and the difficulty in gaining evidence to enable a prosecution to occur. It was highlighted that these vessels were often visitors to the river and the persons in question were educated as to the speed regulations.

**RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

**116. MARINE DIRECTOR'S CURRENT ISSUES**

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services on current issues under consideration by the Marine Director (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

It was confirmed that the tender returns deadline for works to the Warsash Slipway was the 9 September and that results of the tender exercise would be presented to the Harbour Board at its meeting on 25 September. Subject to Harbour Board approval and contractor availability, works would aim to begin at the end of October 2015.

Following the refusal of the Hamble Jetty extension project, it was reported that the Harbour Board has requested that the design and cost estimates for the Warsash Link Pontoon be formally re-submitted to the 25 September meeting and that no further proposals be put forward concerning Hamble Jetty for the time being. Some Members raised concerns that there were no immediate plans to conduct any works on the Hamble side of the river. Some Members stated that Hamble requires further facilities and suggested that a working group is established to consider and review potential improvements for the Hamble side.

The Committee heard of proposals to utilise the £49,300 reserve, originally identified for transfer from the Revenue Reserve to the Asset Enhancement Reserve, to commit to a zero percent increase in Harbour Dues for the year 2015-16. Discussion was held regarding alternative options but it was agreed that this option was the most appropriate.

**RESOLVED:**

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee:

- a. advises the River Hamble Harbour Board to proceed with submission of the consent applications for the Warsash Link Pontoon.
- b. recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board that a commitment is made to a zero per cent increase in Harbour Dues next year.
- c. notes the remainder of the report.

## **117. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

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

The report summarised environmental management of the Hamble Estuary during June and July 2015.

It was reported that the desktop study, to ascertain viability of employing sediment management measures to conserve the saltmarsh and mudflat habitats within the Hamble Estuary, had been awarded to AHTI Limited. It was expected that the project would commence mid-September.

The Committee were encouraged to view the minutes and presentations from the recent Hamble Estuary Partnership (HEP) meeting which was co-ordinated by the Environment and Development Officer. Following Members' questions it was confirmed that the Chairman of the HEP has direct access to the Harbour Board to ensure that the views and advice of the HEP can be taken into account before decisions are made.

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.

## **118. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

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

### **RESOLVED:**

That the Management Committee notes the report.