

AT A MEETING of the RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR BOARD held at Warsash Sailing Club on Friday 21 October 2016 at 10am:

PRESENT:

Hampshire County Council

Councillors:

p K Evans (Chairman)
a P Latham
p K House
p G Hockley

Independent Members

p Ms N Hiorns
p Mr D Jobson
p Mr C Moody

Marine Director

p J Scott

192. BROADCASTING ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

193. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Peter Latham. Councillor Geoff Hockley attended as the Conservative deputy member.

194. 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 David Jobson declared Personal Interests including memberships of the Royal Southern Yacht Club; RAF Yacht Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a Midstream Mooring Holder.

195. MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 15 July 2016 (Item 4 in the Minute Book) were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

196. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

197. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour and updates from the Marine Director.

An additional annex was circulated detailing incidents which had occurred since the papers had been published.

Members' attention was drawn to a number of incidents of theft which had recently occurred on the River. It was confirmed that the Harbour Office was working closely with Hampshire Constabulary to resolve the crimes which had occurred and prevent any further instances. It was also confirmed that the Harbour Office was working with the Constabulary regarding illegal, commercial bait digging – this included making site visits, reminding individuals who were digging for bait not for commercial gains to obtain permission of the landlord so as not to trespass and keeping a record of illegal digging occurrences. Members raised concerns over the relationship between bait digging and its impact on environmentally protected sites. It was agreed that further discussion would be held and that more information would be brought to a future meeting of the Board.

Discussion was held regarding swimming in the River and how best to prevent risk and highlight dangers. It was agreed that a detailed review into the most appropriate, pro-active approach to take would be conducted and further information reported to the Board at a future meeting.

It was agreed that a regular review of progress against the Business Plan would be conducted and reported to the Board as appropriate.

Following Members' questions, it was confirmed that the patrol times for the season were from 07.00 – 18.30.

The Board RESOLVED to note the report.

198. RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR DUES 2017

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

The Board considered options for setting the annual rate of Harbour Dues.

The Board APPROVED a zero percent increase in Harbour Dues for 2017.

199. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board received the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services anticipating future business items of the River Hamble Management Committee and the Harbour Board (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The Board RESOLVED to note the Forward Plan report.