



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 17th September
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Phil Crossland, Merv Griffiths, Neil Howarth, Dave Waters, Keith Guy Gibbens, George Fabling
2. Apologies for Absence: none
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved.
4. Health and Safety: No incidents or concerns reported.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Boat lifter – drawings being prepared, delivery expected in February.
Newsletter to mention:
Proposed workparty to widen road and gates weekend of 17 October.
Members to be warned there will be no liftout this year.
 - b. Security – Cadland will provide a new gate at the cattle grid, to be closed when top gate open for pub events.
 - c. Sea Wall – **Chris to discuss with Esso.**
 - d. Club House – Sam Henley Smith has agreed to look after the Club House, supervise cleaners etc. **Agreed tea and coffee to be free.**
6. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. John Connolly has accepted our offer to help get his boat into the pound – **Merv to fix date and arrange.**
 - b. Flowers and hanging baskets – **fine show noted, thanks to Sam.**
7. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
 - a. The main account has £22,014.54 sat in it
 - b. The second account has £6,871.02
 - c. The saving account has £47,328.05
 - d. I have 2 cheques to bank this week to be added to the above figure.
 - e. I am working my way through Xero and reconciling all the payments which have been paid and received.
 - f. Some invoices missing – **Sharon to provide details, Jim to check files.**
 - g. Chris to get quotes for road and carpark improvements.

- h. One suggestion, if the October meeting is in person, maybe we start mid afternoon so that everyone can put across any thoughts/suggestions or things they may want to discuss longer than the zoom meeting - just an idea
Please let Jim know if there are topics you want to put forward for a long discussion.

8. Membership – Dick Pizey

- a. Two new members this month – Andrew Lovemore and Andrew Barnes
- b. One new membership being processed – Steven Worf
- c. One prospective member coming down to have a look around
- d. Cut down spreadsheet circulated to Keith/Martin and Neil

9. Website – Dick Pizey

- a. Still very active – with increased hits since the videos of the creek went up on it.

10. Regatta

- a. Planned 'Parade of sail' didn't take place due to weather – which also prematurely concluded the planned cruise. (This took place the following week in much better conditions)
- b. Thanks to go in the Newsletter to Chris Edwards who rowed around the creek securing several sail covers prior to the recent strong winds.

11. Projects – Phil Crossland

- a. Jetty navigation post and safety ladder fitted. Light to be connected during next electrical inspection.
- b. Waiting for date for quay refurbishment.

12. Bosun – Mervyn Griffiths

- a. Two temporary starboard navigation buoys have been deployed in readiness to replace the main starboard buoys when they come ashore for maintenance.
- b. 40m ground chain procured for mooring refurbishment.
- c. Also been out with Keith putting down mooring blocks.

13. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. 4 members assigned moorings. 3 on my list wanting moorings and a few enquiries not yet firmed up.
- b. 6 moorings need refurbishing/checking before reissue. Ian Round's mooring needs lifting and checking.
- c. Gout has stopped m grafting this week, new tablets should enable me to get back to it in a few days!
- d. **Note in newsletter to remind people that moorings and pound spaces cannot be transferred to new owners when boats are sold. Also that all changes, e.g. larger boats, must be agreed by the mooring or pound master.**

14. Maintenance – George Fabling

- a. A few minor maintenance tasks carried out,
- b. Retrieving and slipping Dawn Run ,
- c. Dropping in starboard channel markers(with others)
- d. Pricing / scoping soffit replacement and project store roof. **Agreed to purchase uPVC soffit.**

15. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. I have a list of 7 members that have not used their boats in a while prior to the covid period. I need to find out what their intensions are for the club and their boats. They will be reminded that the compound is not a storage area for boats that are not used or worked on.

List with details and history to be reviewed by committee. Any letters to be sent by Secretary.

16. Boat House – Neil Howarth

- a. Looking for correct size scaffold poles to strengthen canoe rack before fitting casters.

17. Pontoon, Jetty and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Slip cleaned last week, should be good for 6 weeks.
- b. Agreed the jetty is in Dave's area of responsibility.

18. Any Other Business

- a. Bin lorry unable to enter due to vehicle parked by gate. **Mike to be asked to avoid parking there on Mondays.**
- b. Insurance renewal - **send proposed changes to values to Jim and Sharon for comparable quotes. Jim to check lease requirements.**
- c. Question about CCTV reliability – all were working at the time of the meeting.

Future meeting dates: 8th October, 12th November, 10th December, 14th January, 11th February, 11th March