



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 21st November 2019 at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Chris Brown (Chair), Jim Hopwood (Secretary), Keith Guy-Gibbens, Mervyn Griffiths, Phil Crossland, Martin Lucas, Julian Pearson, Dave Waters
2. Apologies for Absence – Dick Pizey, Jacky Olden
3. Minutes of the last meeting – approved and signed.
4. H&S
 - a. Review the Incident Book –nothing reported.
 - b. H&S Survey report – to be discussed at a future meeting.
 - c. Agreed members should be charged when the club has to respond to broken moorings. Proposal to be prepared for the agm.
5. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Method statements for new power jet and tractor – drafts circulated for comment.
6. Treasurer –
 - a. Jim now has online access to Nat West ‘limited’ account.
 - b. Bank balance ~ £1900 with £1000 invoice waiting to be paid. Propose to transfer another £10000 from NS&I – Agreed
 - c. Agreed Jim to make BACs payments once invoices approved by the responsible committee member. Payments to be reviewed monthly.
7. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Statutory Off-Road Notification filed for new tractor
 - b. New tractor added to Marine Trades Insurance
 - c. Southampton Marine Office have approved our Port Waste Management Plan and waived the requested £441 fees.
 - d. 2020 AGM – Saturday 7 March. Timetable agreed
 - i. Notice and nominations open – January newsletter
 - ii. Proposals required by 10th February for discussion on 13th.

- iii. Annual report – agreed to email a report with a few printed copies for those who want them. Will report on events and activities with photos. Creek News style.
- iv. Proposed changes to articles, rules and fees to be brought to December meeting.

8. Jetty – Phil Crossland

- a. The whole Creek up to Victoria Quay and the millpond is now covered by multiple protection orders two of which are the Hythe to Calshot SSSI and the Solent and Southampton Water Special Protection Order (SPA). Because of these multiple orders the MMO are now lawfully required to investigate via the interested parties. To cover investigations and monitoring costs by the various interested bodies the MMO has had to raise our costing band. This means the licence application has moved from an estimated £750 to £7930. Chris emphasised this is a worst case and should be less. The MMO state that although this is normally concluded within a 13 week time frame, we have to take into considerations both their and the other interested parties Christmas break. We are hopeful this can be concluded prior to lift in. Agreed we have no choice. Phil to proceed with the application.

9. Creek and Moorings – Mervyn Griffiths and Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. The elusive mooring buoys have finally surfaced, they are now resident at the back of the bosun's store. All 30 of them.
- b. Several new moorings have been laid; there are two more ready to go.
- c. Merv has a list of people who have asked for their moorings to be checked. Agreed that replacing defective moorings should be the priority. We need to get more people involved in this work or find a paid contractor.

10. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. I have had a few boats that have left the compound or changed hands.
- b. We have new boats in the compound
- c. There are 3 spaces in the compound
- d. Septic tank filling up on high tides can we stop it? Agreed to ask Tom Hatch to look at it. Jim to circulate Stewart's report on the last repair.
- e. CCTV cameras only at one end of compound. Agreed to realign Club House camera to look at the creek end of the pond.

11. Boat House, Creek News and Petty Cash – Jacky Olden

- a. Boathouse – agreed wooden spars could be stored on the canoe rack. Also to fit wheels to the rack, preferably wheels designed to fit scaffold poles.

12. Membership and Website – Dick Pizey

- a. Membership – now 200. Renewal forms to include key number and statement that moorings have been checked.

- b. Boat / Trailer stickers proposal agreed. Dick to action.
- c. Christmas do – moved to Club House which will be full.
- d. Website – new site to go live early December.
- e. Some new members keen to pay but waiting to be told how much.

13. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. Propose to make winter moorings available on the pontoon. Agreed provided the deep end is kept clear for those still sailing.

14. Any Other Business

Martin – Has a treasure hunt prepared for next season.

Chris – Esso have conducted a survey of the creek in preparation for possible dredging.

Visited Axmouth and Westbay to see boat hoists in action. They look very suitable for our needs. Cost would be about £35000. Chris will prepare a proposal, including widening gates and other preparation. Need to move quickly to get one in time for lift out next year.

Future meeting dates:

12th December, 9th January, 13th February, 12th March, 16th April (9th is day before Good Friday), 14th May