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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Tuesday 17th April 2018 at 6.30pm**, meeting first on site at the Dinghy Park and then returning to The Parish Office.

Present: John Seymour (Chairman), Alban Donohoe, Jane Armstrong, Peter Roe, Victoria Egan and Neil Thompson.

Clerk: Tracey Bayfield.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received and accepted from: Rod Jeffreys (*work*), Sabrina Fenn (*work*) & Iain Wolfe (*work*). Victoria was thanked for attending in Sabrina's absence.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *Parish Council Members only*. There were no declarations.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Thursday 8th February 2018 are signed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation** – No public present
5. Thanks to all who volunteered to help with the various **Winter Works**:
 - i) **Carnser clear up** – on the 4th March we undertook a site visit and placed notices on any items which were already in breach of the regulations. Tyres are now becoming an issue and will warrant further discussion in terms of the regulations.
 - ii) **Boats Removed & now For Sale** – having following the 30 day, and the subsequent 60 day notice period. It has been advertised that viewing can take place strictly between the hours of 10am to 12noon on Saturday 28th April, when John Seymour will be present at the Blakeney Marine Boatyard. All bids to be returned to the Parish Council office by 5pm on Friday 18th May 2018.
 - 1) Laser dinghy on trolley & trailer
 - 2) Laser dinghy
 - 3) Enterprise dinghy on trolley & trailer (*one final communication to the last known owner will be made by the Parish Clerk.*)
 - 4) One trolley
 - 5) One trailer
 - 6) Two complete wrecks

The 420 dinghy on trolley with 2 masts, has since been reclaimed and the release fee is due to be paid imminently.

- iii) **Chains** – Other than possibly a very small section of new chain by the kayaks ahead of the 2019 season, we feel that the chain laying is now complete. With the free chain from Charlie Ward depleted, we did have to purchase the chain just used.
- iv) **Slipway** – In addition to the works which we are seeking quotes from Simon Strong for, ie; various forms of repair, the mud forming on the slipway has become a real problem. It was agreed that Neil will help John to clean this, subject to the ongoing need and availability of a BHA pressure washer. John will liaise with Rod Jeffreys as there has been some communication over this subject. Neil will retrieve a tank from N/T land, and look to see if it is watertight, and would then be happy to store it for future use.

Victoria advised that The National Trust owned down to the low water mark on the east side of The New Cut and thus all bar the last couple of feet of the slipway would appear to be owned by The National Trust, although enquiries would be made amongst us locally to see if we can find out who actually installed it originally and when. The hope is that Morris Arthur, Harry Bishop or Pam Peake may be able to shed some light. Jane Armstrong will look at the Blakeney Sailing Club records also. Whilst the slipway is outside of the current dinghy park agreement, The National Trust would be very happy to include it if that was what The Dinghy Park Committee/Parish Council wanted. Concerns were expressed over whether they would then be liable for the full financial costs, thus it was agreed that further research was needed, and if there could be a whole community approach led by one group, then it would be most welcome as the Dinghy Park Committee/Parish Council, should not take on the full financial cost of repair and upkeep.

- v) **Signage** – All in place and going forward a new overlay as and when needed will cost around £30.

6. Management Issues not covered above –

- i) **Sim Posts** – Victoria will ensure that we have a definitive answer for the next meeting.
- ii) **National Trust** - The kayak and road trailer previously discussed are on N/T land, and they will deal with the notices etc. Feel that this is not abandoned, but simply in the wrong place.
- iii) **Boat registration** – The recent reminder of the need to register resulted in a very positive response. At present there are 276 'boats/kayaks' registered. About 48 of them belong to permanent Blakeney residents, ie. Less than 20% of those registered.

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- iv) **Boat disposal** – We will speak with The Blakeney Harbour Association, The National Trust, Blakeney Marine and Waste Disposal Contractor to enquire about the cost of disposing/transportation of fibreglass boats of around 16ft, taking into account a waste transfer note.
 - v) **Charges** and the future – Given the costs involved with managing the dinghy park, ie. new chains, stakes & shackles and waste disposal, we will give serious consideration to introducing a modest seasonal fee at the beginning of the 2019 season, and will discuss this further at our next meeting. Costs to run the dinghy park for the benefit of all should not fall upon Blakeney Parish Council and the parishioners alone. This could also include slipway repairs in the future. For information, to have an 11ft dinghy at Morston costs £90 + VAT per season.
 - vi) **Budget** – The 2018/19 budget from Blakeney Parish Council is £1500. During 2017/18 we spent £1700.05. There are currently 3 invoices outstanding, which are payable to the Dinghy Park Management committee, these will be chased.
 - vii) **Amending regulations** – In the next review of regulations, ahead of the 2019 season, boats must have some way of being used or launched, and no tyres are to be permitted on site.
 - viii) **Insurance** – Came and Co, insurers had previously advised that our regulations are very clear of how boats should be left and secured, and thus if need be the committee could legitimately cut through and lock and chain in order to remove a breached item.
7. Date of the **Next Meeting** – Tuesday 12th June, 6.30pm on site at The Dinghy Park, and then back to The Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

Chairman _____