

Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 commencing at 7pm in The Scout Hut.**

**Present:-** John Seymour (Chairman), Rosemary Thew, Alban Donohoe, Peter Roe, Steve Roch, Alan Collett, David Fairbrass.

**Clerk:-** Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Resolved** as follows;

**Chairman** for 2022/23 – John Seymour & **Vice-Chairman** – Rosemary Thew.

2. **Apologies** for absence were **accepted** from Victoria Egan.

3. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from committee members.

4. **Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022 are signed as a true record.

5. **Public Participation** – None.

*Alban Donohoe arrived at this point.*

6. **Resolved** that following a site meeting, at which we were discussing the use of the dinghy park as an **Overflow Car Park**, we now agree that we will not proceed with the idea of widening the concrete paths, as the amount of concrete needed is vast.

Instead we will now go out to consultation on 3 options and the Chairman will draft up proposed wording to share in advance with the committee members.

- i) Do nothing;
- ii) Do something simple; ie. to place an 'A' board reading 'NO ENTRY' in the entrance to the dinghy park during those times when the tide is suitable for boating for up to 2 hours after high tide. There are about 18 – 20 days when this is relevant, but those people carrying or towing boats would be allowed into the area;
- iii) More drastic is to remove a number of the existing concrete bollards, to create a permanent extra space for car parking, with a 'roadway' (delineated with some form of barrier beside the existing concrete path) being created to facilitate access to the dinghy park area. Only those with a legitimate reason would then be allowed in the reduced dinghy park area. (If this were the agreed outcome, then it could be trialled first using either sleepers or removable concrete bollards.)

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7. The following items were **resolved**;

**Winter permits** - Continues to work well.

**Abandoned boats** – Only one kayak still not yet collected although the release fee has been paid. The Clerk will make further contact with the owner and give a deadline for collection.

**Breaches** – Following the site visit on 8<sup>th</sup> April, there were 159 boats on the dinghy park, 76 of them were registered and 62 were unregistered. A large number of the unidentified non-registered boats had 'Blakeney Sailing Club' stickers on them. We didn't count them this time round, but will do so next time. There were a number of boats in breach, and we will attempt to contact the owners of all of them and a mailshot has gone out asking everyone to ensure that their numbered stickers are clearly visible. The breach notices need to be modified slightly.

**Boat disposal/skip** - No action required.

**Winter works & grass cutting** - Worked well.

**Regulations** - Next time we review the regulations, we must ensure that we make the sub headings/sections more prominent and may need to refer to 'other items', not just 'boats'.

**Notices** - Steve Soanes, will not be invoicing us for the overlays for the regulations, this will be his donation to the park for this season.

**2022 Season** - We will undertake another site visit and will then review where we are.

**Kayaks – registration and stickers** - The Chairman brought a prototype of a new sticker/vinyl label, the cost to have them produced is about £400. This would mean that we would restart the register/allocation process in the hope that these would last longer than the stickers. Agreed to proceed and that boat/kayak owners will be advised to place the labels in a visible spot, preferably on a rope tied across the middle of the boat or to the trailer.

**Budget update** – As at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022, there was £3,956.01 in the budget.

**Registration** - Numbers are increasing and the system works well.

8. **Correspondence** in relation to the dinghy park – CRAB wrote and thanked the committee for their continued work at the dinghy park.

9. **Other Management Issues/Items for next agenda**;

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- i) **2023 season**; add an item to the next agenda; 'Donation versus Fee', (in the meantime reps from this committee can get a view from the Blakeney Sailing Club). All give some thought to this, along the lines of 'keep it simple'.
  - ii) **Catamarans** – review the 2022 season, what worked/didn't work.
- 10. Next Meeting** – Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July at 6.30pm on site at the dinghy park and then back to the Parish Office/Scout Hut.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm.

**Chairman** \_\_\_\_\_

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