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Minutes of a meeting of the ‘**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**’ which was held on **Friday 5th January 2024 at 10am on site and then back in Parish Office.**

Present:- John Seymour, Rosemary Thew, Alban Donohoe, Iain Wolfe, Peter Roe, Steve Roch & David Fairbrass.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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Did not Attend:- Neil Thompson & Victoria Egan.

1. **Norfolk Constabulary – PC Graham Gower-Smith** had met on site with the members, and discussed a number of possibilities, which he would look into further and pull into a report and share in due course; including; What can be done about thefts – Some suggestions may not be practical – Prevention & potential for CCTV – Dinghy park entrance and entrance to Carnser (the latter probably a priority of the two) – Hardened chain - Value of thefts – Barriers – Owners liability – Preventative products – Signage, etc.

All stolen kayaks had been retrieved and most now reunited with their owners. The committee wished to thank Norfolk Constabulary for their work on this.

Resolved that we await the report from PC Gower-Smith, review the information/suggestions, obtain costings and then make informed decisions with regard the way forward and any action which may be taken.

2. **Apologies** for absence were **accepted** from Alan Collett, who simultaneously had submitted a letter of resignation from this committee with immediate effect. (*BSC are aware; and we will ask them to nominate two or three candidates, to be considered to replace Alan Collett.*)
3. There were no **Declarations of Interest**.
4. **Resolved** that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on Monday 6th November 2023 are to be signed as a true record.
5. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda – Member of the public advised that they would be recording the meeting.
6. The following standing items were **resolved** or noted as recorded below;

Registration tags & instructions – Reminders have been sent where needed to advise that tags are not to be left to reserve spaces.

Abandoned/removed boats – All being actioned as per our regulations and procedures including **Tag no. 408**.

Other breaches – (Offenders) **Tag no. 422**: invoiced Oct 2023, paid Nov 2023, still no contact from owner regard collection. Item effectively now receiving free winter

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storage, which is not acceptable. Write to owner to advise that with effect from date moved from DP a storage fee is payable until the collection date.

Tags no. 226, 227 are in breach and will be removed from the park.

Oak Rudder is yet to be reclaimed by owner.

An unregistered laser dinghy was removed with no contact made by owner, and if it is put back on the dinghy park in 2024 it will be removed.

Boat disposal/skip – Clerk will advertise items for sale as per our procedures. JS will arrange a skip.

Regulations & non-registered boats – All in all a success.

Notices – No specific action at the moment.

2024 Season – Discuss adding storage fees to the regulations at next meeting.

Kayaks – All kayaks and boats with a winter permit, to be contacted and advised to remove them ahead of the January 2024 grass cut, they can then be returned, but they are to be moved again ahead of the February 2024 grass cut also.

Budget update - £5,076.21 available. Via a Blakeney Sailing Club rep, the committee was asked to consider a contribution to the BSC towards the cost of painting on the slipway; *Please keep clear* (or similar) at a cost of £800. **Resolved** that we will be happy to consider this when we look at the recommendations and costings associated with the outcome of the report due from the Police, ie. we need to determine our priorities and expenditure.

Liability – Individuals place their items on the park at their own risk, although we do insist that they have third party and public liability cover.

Winter permits – **Resolved** that with effect from 1st December 2024 we do away with winter permits entirely. Ie. the park to be cleared for the out of season period. Any users will need to take their boat/kayak to and from, each time they wish to use it during this period.

7. Correspondence in relation to the dinghy park.

Eligibility to enter dinghy park with vehicles – Continue as we have in the 2023 season.

Future & charging rather than a donation; BPC wishes to investigate this further via the DP Committee, with the initial thought that it could operate in much the same way as the current residents permits for parking, ie. those eligible would be able to use the dinghy park for free, non-residents would be required to pay a fee, rather than the suggested minimum donation of £5.00 as currently the case. This revenue would not be solely earmarked for the dinghy park, but like car park income, would be used to help run the parish in general.

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Much discussion was had, and initial soundings were not overly in favour. **Resolved** that along with obtaining costings for potential theft prevention measures, we look at trying to put together some costs for potential income/expenditure if we were to charge, and change the operation as such, ie. cost to remove kayaks and larger boats, annual tag replacement, monitoring by paid staff, storage, etc and then revisit the conversation.

8. **Management Issues** not covered above which members would like to be included on the next agenda – Nothing specific.
9. Date of **Next Meeting** to be confirmed, once we have heard back from PC Graham Gower-Smith.

Meeting closed at 12.04pm.