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Minutes of a meeting of the 'DINGHY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE' which was held on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2014 at 7.00pm in the Parish Office.

Present:- Edward Allen (Chairman), Tony Faulkner, Roger Hall, John Seymour, Penny Wiles David Woodcock and Iain Wolfe (National Trust).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 4.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE – Were received & **accepted** from Alban Donohoe (*away*).
2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST – *applies to Parish Council Members only.* None.
3. It was **proposed & agreed** that the following MINUTES are signed as a true record:-
  - 3.1. Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> July 2013.
  - 3.2. Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2013.

At this point it was **proposed & agreed** to bring forward item no. 6, for the benefit of the members of the public.

## DREDGING WORK

- David Woodcock gave an overview of where we had got to; ie. of the 100% of siltation that comes in only about 70% of it goes out and hence the build up over time and hence the proposal from the committee to dredge the straight part of the channel by about 200m and reinstate the outflow.
  - There has already been lots of consulting with bodies such as the Environment Agency, National Trust, Natural England, the Crown Commissioners etc, and we have appointed consultants and all were broadly supportive of the limited scheme, which all started with the need to avoid an accident in this heavily used area. As to where the spoil goes, we have of course had various thoughts, and the National Trust have said that it cannot go back on the marsh as it did in 1986.
  - Following the tidal surge on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013 the whole area is about to be resurveyed on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> February. We have asked if the spoil could be used to help rebuild the defences, and await the answer, although it seems unlikely. We hope to soon have some ideas on tonnage terms, where it can go and where the money will come from as soon as possible.
4. ADJOURNMENT – To allow for Public Participation at 7.08pm and reconvened at 7.27pm. (*During this time Morris Arthur shared some ideas, notes and past paperwork, in particular the ideas of Thomas Telford, etc,*

*which the Clerk will copy and share with the members. The essence being that he felt that the current proposals dealt only with the present rather than the future. The members thanked Morris whilst reiterating that everything mentioned in the public session had already been discussed and considered over the past many meetings by the committee members and asked if he would email Steve Hayman at the Environment Agency with his thoughts as he is unable to attend the drop in session on the 13<sup>th</sup> February. Morris said that time permitting, he would try to do so.)*

**5. WINTER WORKS ITEMS:-**

- i) **Effects of Tidal Surge/Storm Damage on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> December 2013**, in relation to the Dinghy Park and the Bank. Iain Wolfe (N/T) said that they had asked the Environment Agency about options and timescales but they had not yet replied. The National Trust has taken the view that no action is not acceptable.

The two channels and the sluice gates are currently being cleared out now by the E.A., and as it is an emergency they are dumping the spoil to the side for the time being, and they have also opened out the channel side on Bridge Creek. The E.A. will be fencing the footpaths and problem areas off very soon. Iain suggested that members try and take a look at the groyne work that has been done at Brancaster.

Committee members stated that quite a few spaces have been lost along the bank side which the catamarans rest/park along. A new Blakeney Sailing Club hut will be placed back on site, the same size as the one which was lost.

- ii) **Carnser Clear Up** – was held on at 10am on Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December and the area was assessed following the storm damage. Edward reported that he was storing one large old 12ft wooden boom, which he will advertise in the pages of the GVN.
- iii) **30 day notices and boat removal** – One small white 8ft scruffy pram type row boat, with no identifying marks has been removed from the Dinghy Park and is being stored. The Clerk will go through the process of advertising as per our policy. Also, although of no direct concern to the actual Dinghy Park, the rusty steel boat which now sits on the Carnser (as agreed due to the urgent need to remove it from the highway between BPC and the N/T, Police and Highways) will now begin the official notice period with a view to disposing of it. The Police have tried to make contact with the owner, via information they received from members of the public and ourselves with no success, and have stated that there is nothing further that they can do.)

The wayfarer on the bank may have come from Morston or Stiffkey and there is a laser, about 6ft up in a tree at Desmond McCarthys.

- iv) **Winter Permits** – No further requests.
  - v) **Tie Down Chains** – No new chains will be laid this year, although the members agreed that they will do some work on the chains that are already in place, so as to ensure that they are useable. A working party will meet at 10am on Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to do the work .
  - vi) **Grass chaining and chaining off, ahead of new season** – Graham Lubbock will be asked if he is happy t cut the grass sometime during the week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> February and the Clerk will supply the members with the sign, lock and chain.
6. Update and reports of the proposed **DREDGING WORK** and to agree the next steps. *This was dealt with earlier.*
- i) The Landscape Partnership – Proposed tasks, urgency & associated costs. David Woodcock advised that he felt that despite his best efforts, that he was getting nowhere and he summarised the email correspondence, which showed how much chasing he had done in order to keep them on their toes, and which the members had all been copied in on. Basically no progress has been made since October.
- As mentioned earlier the current position is that they will resurvey on 1<sup>st</sup> February and they have been told that we want a report back before Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February, ie. ahead of the Environment Agency drop in session being held in Blakeney.
- Iain suggested that we obtain the report and then wait and see what the Environment Agency will do, what role could the Freshes do to help, based on what the E.A. propose? It was agreed that we will get the report and then reassess the situation. He also suggested that we take a look at the Shoreline Management Plan which referred to a managed retreat over a 15 year period.
- Tony advised that the banks are now being built with a clay base as the core and then covered. With regard our proposed dredging plans, Norman Lamb MP is aware of our plight and the hurdles we face, and has agreed to take this up with the Marine Management Organisation when he meets with them early in February.
7. To consider any other **MANAGEMENT ISSUES**.
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2014 at 7pm in the Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 8.43pm.

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