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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Monday 10th August 2015 at 7.00pm** in the Parish Office.

Present:- Edward Allen (Chairman), David Woodcock, John Seymour, (all BSC) Tony Faulkner, Neil Thompson, Alban Donohoe, (all BPC) John Byfield (public rep) and Victoria Egan(N/T).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from Penny Wiles, who will now give her apologies for the next 2 to 3 months, due to work pressures.
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *Parish Council Members only*. There were none.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the previous meeting dated Monday 15th June 2015 are signed as a true record.
4. **ADJOURNMENT** – To allow for Public Participation was not required.
5. **DREDGING WORK** and to agree the next steps;
 - i) **Randall's survey** – This was undertaken on 31st July, it went well and we should have the report, which will include a plan, by the 12th August. As requested (for grant funder reasons), we have already received the invoice which was for £895.00 net.

When the report and plan arrives, we take the recommendations as before, ie. Daniel Leggett's recommendations and John Byfield's, then we need to decide who we are going to ask to prepare the plan based on the drawings, and plans, which we would then use as the basis for submitting a planning application. But first, members need to have an on site meeting in order to review the survey once it has been received. The 'line' will be fixed at this meeting, but members would have to really justify if and why they wanted to go off plan. John Byfield would be happy to stake out the plans as they are, including the centre lines and all of the recommendations. David Woodcock will also send Randall's a copy of Daniel Leggett's recommendations and ask for them to be plotted onto a separate plan. When on site, we would then have the opportunity to ask if anything is wrong.

- ii) **Questioning Costs** – as investigated by David Woodcock and Victoria Egan.

They have written to everyone they need to speak with (Environment Agency, Crown Estates, Natural England, Natural England SSSI, Marine Management Organisation, North Norfolk District Council, Environmental Impact Assessment Team) and have heard back from 2 so far with suggested dates for meetings including Peter Riches from the Crown Commissioners Estate. We have set out our aims to them all, and have asked for help and support.

National Trust – Will consider the spoil going onto their land. This needs to be known for definite though, as it could be a potential cost factor.

Tony Faulkner reminded the meeting that he had written to our MP Norman Lamb back in February 2014, regarding initial costs as set out by the MMO and that he was advised that the costs should be in proportion. Tony will email this correspondence to all members.

Concordat (The main contact) – It all needs pulling together now, this could possibly be the NNDC Planning Department. We cannot go much further now until we have funding in place.

- iii) **Funding Opportunities** – to consider charging for use of the Dinghy Park from the start of the 2016 season. Edward Allen and John Seymour presented proposals. Drafts had been prepared, and were to be taken away for further work. If the National Trust agree to this, and allow us to keep all money raised, given that the reasons are solely for maintenance of the dredged area and associated dinghy park maintenance, then we need to be able to share this information with the public, preferably before the end of this season. We should be looking to raise grants for the first stage, and use the fees as collected for the ongoing maintenance, say every 5 years or so. We must be very clear on the purpose of introducing charges. The Dinghy Park has around 210 spaces in total. This needs to be on the next agenda.

Alban Donohoe, has been having conversations with a number of people about aiding our funding activities and suggested that we should be considering bringing in a professional fundraiser and that local businesses could be approached to ask if they would consider having an 'additional fee' added to their bills, so that if the customer agreed, they would make a contribution to this local community project.

Victoria Egan, wondered if this could be undertaken as a joint funding project, under the remit of 'Blakeney Harbour' ie. as part of a bigger picture, ie. bringing in Cley Parish Council and the Blakeney Harbour Association.

6. Other **MANAGEMENT ISSUES** –

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- Any update regarding **Environment Agency** Actions – None.
- Noted that as of the 25th June there were 218 boats/canoes on the Dinghy Park.
- Neil Thompson advised that under the guise of the Blakeney Harbour Association, he had made contact with the owner of the old rusty steel boat in the Quay, and that the owner has agreed to give it to the BHA, and that arrangements have been made for it to then be scrapped by the end of October 2015 at the latest. A scrappage plan of action is being discussed between the BHS and the National Trust and perhaps BPC could be involved also. The summer meeting of the BHA is on the 21st August and Neil will report back.
- The next boat which the N/T would like to look at is the old rope testing barge at the end of The Cut. 'Petronella' on the bank as you head to Morston, is in hand.

7. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – to be decided and announced.

Meeting closed at 8.22pm.

Chairman _____