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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Thursday 5th May 2016 at 6.30pm** in the Parish Office.

Present:- Edward Allen (Chairman), David Woodcock, John Seymour, Tony Faulkner, Alban Donohoe, Neil Thompson, John Byfield and Victoria Egan.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 2.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Penny Wiles (*work*).
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *Parish Council Members only*; No declarations.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** dated Monday 20th January 2016 are signed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda.
 - I would like to make the following suggestion. The project should embody an element of sustained change that will not revert to the pre-change situation. A minimum movement of sand/mud is very desirable to keep cost down. I would suggest that you realign the western shore of the new route with a piled wall edge, remove an appropriate amount of sand/mud and place it behind the pile wall, re-profile the remaining mud/sand, and use any surplus money to extend the eastern end of the quay by creating an optimum rate of change curve to redirect the saved energy, currently lost in turbulence destruction of the Carnser. The advantages are that this gives the potential to reduce costs (cost of piling the wall?), minimum disturbance and need to seek support of outside organisations, a complete defence against the water forces that will otherwise return to this length of the Channel to its present path. If you choose a process that will embody this criteria, I would like to support you. A good name for the group undertaking this, as opposed to the 'Dinghy Park Committee', would be '**Navigational Conservation Committee**'. (*Morris Arthur.*)

Victoria Egan (National Trust) and other committee members, reiterated that we do need a number of official consents.

5. **Charlie Ward** had submitted an emailed report dated 10th April 2016. (See *appendix 1.*) This covered everything which the committee had previously discussed and summarises the advantages and disadvantages.
6. 93 people had completed the public **Questionnaire** with regard the proposed dredging plans and the results and comments had been collated and

circulated to the members. (See *appendix 2.*) Members felt that the questionnaire undoubtedly proved that respondents want something done.

7. **Way Forward** in light of item no. 6 above. The Committee ***proposed & agreed*** that it is worth doing something and taking this forward, however we now realise that this is beyond the capabilities of this committee and that we need to look outside of this group.

We should remind organisations that this is a huge economic issue in this village, and that the commercial effects should not be forgotten.

In order to take forward the project as it stands, we will place an article a 'mission statement' as such, drafted by David Woodcock and agreed by all at the next meeting, in the pages of the Glaven Valley Newsletter, stating that we have lots of information and loads of support and ask if anyone is able to come forward and help us with this.

In addition to this we also ask NNDC, NCC and our MP Norman Lamb if they could help us to pull the project together and take it forward. Victoria Egan would also speak with a trio she is involved with who are having similar conversations, one being the Brancaster Staithe Fairways Committee which is discussing similar problems.

8. **Project Leader** – David Woodcock had already advised that due to personal reasons he was going to have to take a step back. The Committee felt that this role was really beyond the remit of any of the members, given its complexity etc; and that we must now look outside of this group to go forward. The members expressed their gratitude to David for leading it for so long.
9. Based on where we now find ourselves there were no updates or reports regarding the proposed **DREDGING WORK**.

10. Other **Management Issues** –

- A single scull/rowing skiff, bearing the sticker number 200 was causing difficulty and blocking others in. The Clerk will contact the owner and ask the he moves it as soon as possible, as it is on trestles, with a lock through its outriggers which means that it cannot be moved by anyone else.
- The ruts caused after the initial work by the Environment Agency, seem to have now been repaired to a satisfactory condition, ie. seeded and levelled out so that the area could now be safely used by trailers etc.
- Members of the Blakeney Sailing Club had been asked before this meeting, if they wished to feed any comments back in via the representatives of the BSC. One had praised and encouraged the committee and wished them all the very best and made some

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suggestions as to getting as many people as possible to help fund the project, the other two were from a couple who had commented on the short notice of the meeting. The Clerk advised that the date had been in the public domain (on the Parish Council Facebook page) since the 18th April and that the BSC were aware of the date of the meeting, and that the agenda had been on public display for one whole week.

11. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – This will be arranged as soon as possible, ie. when we have received the ‘mission statement’ for consideration and approval from David Woodcock.

Meeting closed at 8.05pm.

Chairman _____