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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Wednesday 1st November 2017, commencing on site at 6.40pm and then back to the Parish Office for 7.00pm.**

Present:- John Seymour (Chairman), Steve Roch, Jane Armstrong, Rod Jeffreys, Peter Roe & Sabrina Fenn (National Trust).

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 1.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Neil Thompson (*work*).
2. It was ***proposed & agreed*** to appoint Peter Roe as a one of the two **Blakeney Public Representatives** & he was duly welcomed to the meeting and to continue advertising the one other vacancy.
3. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – *Parish Councillors only, hence none.*
4. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2017 should be signed as a true record.
5. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda was not required.
6. Various **Management Issues** –
 - i) **Update on Sale of Boats** removed last winter – 7 items were removed from the Dinghy Park as per the final list of abandoned items in previous minutes of 25th April 2017. The blue wooden enterprise style dinghy with the blue cover, and mast on road trailer and trolley was reunited with its owner (Matthew Hulme), who paid the £50 release fee. 1 red kayak was sold to Alban Donohoe for £10 via the sealed bids process. All other items were therefore officially abandoned and left at Blakeney Marine. Most of which was in need or repair or disposal. We are grateful to Blakeney Marine and Carl for their continued assistance.
 - ii) To consider **Winter Permit** requests – We are happy to grant permits to Paul Farmer, and our usual ladies should they make a request.
 - iii) Update from **National Trust** re. condition of the Slipway – Sabrina advised that as The National Trust makes no charge for the licence of the dinghy park to Blakeney Parish Council, they would not necessarily be looking to contribute financially to the upkeep of the slipway.

Committee members thought that the slipway was widened by the Blakeney Sailing Club (BSC) about 20 years or so ago, and

confirmed that it does not form part of the lease to the Parish Council. It was felt that the responsibility may well lie with the Crown Estates and BSC. Sabrina, confirmed that she would be happy to meet with the BSC to discuss this further. Some questioned if the cost could be met between say The National Trust, BSC and BPC. John Seymour will meet with Simon Strong to get a quote so that everyone has an idea of costs involved.

iv) **Full Regulations** were revisited following the site meeting. It had been noted that there were always lots of kayaks not secured to anything. Regulations were worked through one by one. They will be retyped with a draft sent around for consideration.

v) Any **other management issues** not covered above.

- BSC will need to have marshalls in place at some of their regatta events, to help oversee **chaotic parking** etc, as they have in the past, as the car park attendants cannot be stationed in that area.
- The **signage** is to be changed, with the Blakeney Harbour Association offering to pay the cost of £70. The overlay being produced by Steve Soanes is in fact just £20, and John Seymour to liaise.
- Two **new sections of chain** need to be installed. This will be measured and we will approach Charlie Ward to ask if he has some free chain, as he has in the past and we will then ask Edward Allen to supply the stakes once again.
- The **east section** of the bank on the dinghy park has become overgrown and thus the chain seems to be lost, we will see if we can lift this somehow.
- The **annual Carnser clear up** operation, by the Blakeney Sailing Club will be on Sunday 3rd December commencing at 10am on site.
- Ask Blakeney Parish Council to **budget** £1,500 for this committee for 2018/19.
- The **'Sims Posts'** as they are known were installed in 1908, and although they are not in the dinghy park, they are part of the traditional history of the area and are used as a marker point for various things. It would seem as though they are part on Crown Estates land and part on National Trust land, ie. one located each side of the channel. Blakeney Sailing Club would like to see them replaced. Sabrina, will see if she can get **The**

National Trust involved in this, as they may look to help preserve. (Rod thinks the cost to replace would be in the region of £850 in total for supply of the correct material and installation, although he will do a little more research. Funding pots to be considered.

- **End of Season** – Clerk to prepare 20 removal notices for use on the 3rd December and hand to John Seymour.

7. **Blakeney Channel Coastal Community Team** – The October minutes will be with us soon. They are currently meeting twice a month. Still moving forward albeit it slowly. Studies being undertaken.

8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING** – Wednesday 17th January 2018 at 7pm in The Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Chairman _____