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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Wednesday 2nd November 2016 at 7.00pm** in the Parish Office.

Present:- David Woodcock (Chairman), John Seymour, Neil Thompson, Iain Wolfe, John Byfield, Steve Roch & Victoria Egan. Also in attendance was Don Glaister.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

Public:- 6

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – were received from Alban Donohoe and Simon Read. David Woodcock will be a little late in arriving. The Clerk informed the meeting that Edward Allen (Chairman) had decided to resign from this committee with immediate effect, although he would be happy to assist with any hands on situations at the dinghy park still. A vote of thanks was given for Edward.

It was therefore ***proposed & agreed*** that David Woodcock resumes the role of Chairman upon his arrival, but until then that John Seymour chairs this meeting.

For the benefit of all present, everyone took a moment to officially introduce themselves.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** – There were none.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of the meeting held on Tuesday 23rd August 2016 are signed as a true record.

David Woodcock arrived and took over as Chairman.

4. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda.
 - As per item no. 8 very surprised to learn that the Parish Council leases the Dinghy Park from The National Trust, as do not believe that The N/T owns it. (*Morris Arthur.*)
5. Simon Read, who has been involved in the **Cley Old Harbour Project**, members have asked him if he would be kind enough to share details of their experience with us. *Simon was not able to join us this evening.*
6. An application was made to the **Coastal Community Team** by Don Glaister (assigned Project Manager, see August minutes), on behalf of this Committee. Given the deadline times involved this proved to be a contentious issue, as all committee members are aware, and this meant that there was no time for discussion and agreement on the content of the application.

In summary it was felt the application was way over the brief given by this committee and that it went way beyond the area we are looking at. It talks

about a Coastal Community Team, to be called the 'Blakeney Channel Community Team' which simply does not exist and we have not consulted any groups about being part of this, and hence it sits uncomfortably with us, and we do not find it to be appropriate. We do not feel that this application reflects the scheme as agreed by this committee. We also note that if the application were successful then the money has to be spent by March 2017 and we have no window for work other than in October, and so groundworks would not come into this funding, although we note that it could be used to commission another report or to find somewhere to dispose of the spoil.

As has been agreed;

- **Phase 1** - is the 200m stretch to the north of Bridge Creek.
- **Phase 2** - is to look at sections north of Phase 1.
- **Phase 3** - is to look at sections south of Phase 1 in time. Not to include the Harbour beyond the end of The Cut, considered to be unrealistic under the terms of this project.

The Chairman invited Don Glaister to address the committee.

Don advised that he left the August meeting with no real clarity, and that on the 23rd September he sent an email stating a way in which he considered this could go forward. He was in receipt of various documents from this committee, and said that he would review everything and come back with an appraisal and had noted that it was to be a phased project. Feels that the phases are confused, and is sorry that the committee feels that he has gone beyond the remit given to him. The opportunity for this funding application presented itself suddenly out of the blue, and in order to apply action had to be taken quickly, and based on the remit from this committee, it was too restrictive in order to have any chance of receiving the funding, (of course there is still no guarantee) however the application was worked to comply with the criteria. I was asked to liaise with just 2 committee members, David Woodcock and John Seymour. (Clerk noted that this really had not worked, as time pressure in terms of the application had already passed before we were even aware of them, and the 2 committee members themselves did not entirely agree.)

*It was **proposed & agreed** that we move to item no. 7, before making a decision on item no. 6.*

Does this Committee wish for this application to stand as has been submitted, or do they wish for it to be withdrawn or amended? It was **proposed & agreed** that ***this application should be radically amended if this committee is to continue with this project so that we could potentially get the licences to start phase 1 and that the money is spent on methodology.***

7. The committee thanked Don as collectively they were mindful of the time and effort put in by Don, even if there does seem to be a misunderstanding, and much of this came down to timing. If we take one thing away from this, it would have to be that this funding application has focused minds, which is not a bad thing.

It was ***proposed & agreed*** that this Committee should formally let go of **The Dredging Project** and ask any other interested persons including Don Glaister to set up a 'Blakeney Harbour and Channel Community Team', but that we do still amend the application as agreed, so that there maybe a chance of receiving some funding which could be used by a newly formed group.

- ***ACTION: All committee members to feed in suggested amendments to the application within 10 days.***
- ***ACTION: Don Glaister to find out if there is a deadline for amendments to the application.***

It was also ***proposed & agreed*** that we now contact all the other potential stakeholders as listed in the application and invite them form a committee, and advise that we do have a comprehensive set of plans, a major report and we know how much spoil has to be moved, whilst noting that if such a group is not forthcoming then this projects dissolves itself.

Don kindly confirmed that if other stakeholders came together to take this forward, then he would still be happy to be involved for which the committee thanked him.

8. The future of the **Joint Management Group of The Dinghy Park Committee**; i) Should the Committee revert solely back to dinghy park management issues and nothing else? Or ii) Do we suggest to Blakeney Parish Council that the lease is surrendered and that the full management of this area is handed back to The National Trust?

It was ***proposed & agreed*** that we revert solely back to the dinghy park management issues and nothing more, as we have achieved lots within the dinghy park since we formed.

9. **WINTER WORKS ITEMS:-**

- i) The annual Carnser Clear up will take place on Sunday 4th December at 10am.
- ii) 30 Day Notices and boat removal – John Seymour will advise Clerk of the number of notices required the w/c 5th December.

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- iii) John Seymour and Edward Allen will liaise over whether any chain or ground works are required ahead of 2017 season and report back.
- iv) **ACTION:** Members to come back with ideas to address the parking within the dinghy park area at low tide including who and how it is to be managed.
- v) **ACTION:** All signage to be reviewed ahead of the 2017 season and again suggestions to be brought to the next meeting and to be fully discussed.

10. 2017/18 Budget Request – Blakeney Parish Council are preparing to budget for 2017/18, what sum does this Committee require for the new financial year and for what purpose? It was ***proposed & agreed*** that a budget of just £5,000 is suitable for the Dinghy Park Management Committee as in previous years.

11. Members noted the correspondence dated 4th October 2016 to Paul Cammack with regard the now sold **Green Kayak** which had been removed from the dingy park following the breach in December 2012 and ***agreed*** that no further action was necessary.

12. There were no other **Management Issues**.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Wednesday 16th November at 7pm in The Parish Office, to follow up on the points all just agreed.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman _____