

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE** held at the **Town Hall** on **Friday, 15th September 2006** at **9:30 a.m.**

Present: -
Councillor C R Bright - Chairman

Councillor B Audley (from 10:05 am)
Councillor M Hadley
Councillor Mrs G A Marsh
Councillor M Tyrer

Also in attendance: -

Dr M Ayres	Assistant Town Clerk
Mr R Johnson	Boat Park Users Group Representative
Mr A Lander	Swanage Fishermen's Association
Mr M Leach	Boat Park Attendant

1) **Appointment of Chairman**

It was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Hadley and
AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:

That Councillor Bright be appointed Chairman of the Meeting.

Councillor Bright assumed the Chair.

2) **Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from
Councillors Mrs Bartlett and Pratt.

3) **Review of Minutes of Meeting held on 9th June 2006**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9th June 2006 were noted as agreed.

Further to Minute 8), regarding proposed legal action, it was noted that the individual concerned had now signed an Acceptable Behaviour Contract. It is a condition of that contract that the individual concerned will not enter the Boat Park. It was noted that the individual has a boat stored on the shoreline at Peveril Point and it was agreed that the Assistant Town Clerk would clarify the extent of the area from which the individual is prohibited from entering.

In relation to Minute 3) it was agreed that the Boat Park Attendant would liaise with Mr Lander over the distribution of dinghy permits.

4) **Boat Park Grid Allocation – Update**

The position in relation to the present waiting list for grid spaces in the Boat Park was noted.

5) **Fishermen's Jetty**

Some concern was expressed over the District Engineer's failure to pursue a funding application for the Fishermen's Jetty at Peveril Point. It was AGREED:

That the Chairman would collate the relevant paperwork and write to the Acting Chief Executive

of Purbeck District Council to ensure progress in this matter.

Concern was also expressed over the deadline for pursuing FIGF funding. After further discussion it was proposed by Councillor Marsh and AGREED:

That the responsibility for furthering this scheme be delegated to Councillor Tyrer and Mr Lander.

In discussing the criteria for accessing FIGF funding, the improvement of safety was highlighted as a key factor. It was noted that the improvement of the jetty was of fundamental importance to the preservation of the fishing industry in Swanage and it was AGREED:

That a sign should be placed on the jetty stating that the jetty is solely for the use of fishermen.

Reference was made to the possibility that the RNLI will bring forward proposals that might impact on the provision of an improved jetty, but it was agreed that as this was likely to be included in a ten-year plan the Town Council needed to act prior to the fruition of any such proposal.

6) Request for Change in Season

Councillor Mrs Marsh declared a personal interest in this item under the Model Code of Conduct by reason of a family connection to the individual who had written to the Council, and did not vote on, or propose, or second any motions on this issue, but as the interest was not prejudicial remained in the meeting during the discussion.

Possible changes to the summer and winter seasons of the boat park were debated, further to a letter from Mr Roger Marsh, previously discussed under Minute 5) of the Boat Park Committee meeting held on 31st March 2006. After lengthy consideration it was AGREED:

That no change be made to the Boat Park seasons, but that Mr Marsh be offered space in the Boat Park for his pontoons prior to the commencement of the winter season, to be charged on a pro rata basis.

Councillor Audley joined the meeting at 10.05 a.m.

7) Exclusion of Press and Public

It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Councillor Mrs Marsh, and RESOLVED:-

That, as publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public be excluded from the Meeting during consideration of the following matters.

8) Allocation of Fishermen's Huts for 2006/2007

The Committee were informed that a fisherman's hut had recently become vacant and considered letters received from two prospective tenants at the top of the Council's waiting list. One was received from an existing hut tenant requesting the use of a second hut, the other from a local boat operator. Reference

was made to Minute 3) of the Boat Park Committee meeting held on 12th July 2004 stating that there should be no automatic allocation of a second hut. It was also noted that the existing hut tenant had already been using the hut for storage in breach of the Council's regulations.

After a lengthy discussion it was proposed by Councillor Tyrer, seconded by Councillor Hadley and RESOLVED UNANIMOUSLY:

That the Town Council will not allocate a second fisherman's hut to existing hut tenants and that the vacant hut should therefore be allocated to the local boat operator.

9) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas

It was requested that the next meeting of the Committee should receive an update on the allocation of fishermen's huts and on the proposals for an entry barrier system.

10) Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the date of the next meeting had been set for 9.30 a.m. on Friday, 8th December 2006.

The meeting concluded at 10.30a.m.
