

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BOAT PARK COMMITTEE** held at the **Town Hall** on **Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March 2007** at **2.15p.m.**

Present:-

Councillor C. R. Bright - Chairman

Councillor M. Hadley

Councillor Mrs G. A. Marsh

Also in attendance:-

Mr R. Johnson            Boat Park Users Group Representative

Mr A. Lander             Swanage Fishermen's Association

Dr M. Ayres              Assistant Town Clerk

Mr G. Brookes          Operations Manager

Mrs A. Holmes          Tourist Information Centre Manager

**1) Apologies**

Apologies for their inability to attend the meeting were received from Councillors Audley, Mrs Bartlett, Pratt and Tyrer.

**2) Review of Minutes of Meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> December 2006**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that, further to minute 4) ii), a number of fishermen's huts tenancy agreements remained outstanding.

Further to minute 7), it was noted that there was a need for better signage relating to safety issues in Swanage Bay. It was AGREED:-

That a letter be written to Purbeck District Council requesting the investigation of improved signage relating to speed limits and other safety issues in Swanage Bay.

In respect of the request for a window to be installed at the rear of the Boat Park Attendant's Hut, noted under minute 7), the Operations Manager stated that this could be incorporated in his department's routine maintenance schedule.

**3) Fishermen's Jetty**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the Town Council had been unable to meet the deadline for funding under the FIG scheme. However, the fishermen's jetty had been included as a priority scheme in the MCTi report, which would be of fundamental importance in accessing funding from alternative sources. A specification and tender document had been prepared by the District Engineer to enable quotations to be acquired.

It was reported that the northern ladder on the jetty is in need of urgent repair.

**4) Items of Information and Matters for Forthcoming Agendas**

a) Councillor Hadley reported a number of items raised by the Swanage Bay Users Association:

- i) It was requested that the galvanized barrier at the exit to the Boat Park be removed or cut back, together with the nearby stone wall.  
The Operations Manager reported that this had previously formed part of the Boat Park improvement scheme. The Chairman stated that he would investigate whether the rest of the scheme remained on the Capital Programme.
- ii) It was questioned whether the stones that block the jetty could be cleared on a daily basis during the summer.  
The Operations Manager reported that the stones are cleared as and when required but that the equipment was not available on a daily basis.
- iii) The poor condition of the jetties was noted and reference was made to discussion under minute 3), above.
- iv) There were concerns that the proposed entry barrier would cause congestion and other problems. It was noted that consideration of this issue is ongoing.
- v) It was thought the Boat Park Attendant's Hut would be better placed on the slipway. The Chairman noted that the Hut was in its current position to monitor both Peveril Point Road and the Boat Park, and that visibility will be improved with the insertion of the new window, discussed under minute 2), above.
- vi) The Bay Users Association recommended the introduction of seasonal launch passes for local residents.  
After further discussion it was AGREED:-  
That the Tourist Information Centre Manager investigate options for the introduction of a residents' launch pass, for consideration at the 2008/09 Estimates meeting.
- vii) It was suggested that a leaflet giving safety guidance could be issued to Boat Park users on the payment of their launch fee. It was AGREED:  
That Purbeck District Council be requested to investigate this issue, together with the signage discussed under minute 2), above.

It was suggested that the RNLI might be approached to contribute towards the costs of producing such a leaflet.

- c) The Chairman of Swanage Fishermen's Association enquired whether the Town Council were intending to lease out the fishermen's huts. The Chairman reported that this option would be considered in the future, as part of the Town Council's review of most of its income-generating activities.
- d) The Chairman reported that the rear roof of the fishermen's huts, which projects into the Boat Park has become damaged and requires attention. The

Operations Manager stated that he was aware of the situation and would take any action required.

- e) Concern was raised over the amount of rubbish left at the Boat Park by the tenants of the fishermen's huts. The provision of a skip was discussed and it was AGREED:

That the Assistant Town Clerk write to the tenants of the fishermen's huts on the renewal of their tenancy agreements reminding them of their responsibility to keep the Boat Park tidy and informing them of the Town Council's willingness to supply a skip when required, to be funded by the hut tenants.

**5) Date of Next Meeting**

It was reported that the date of the next meeting had been set for Friday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007 at 2.15pm.

As this was the last Committee meeting prior to the election of a new Council in May, the Chairman thanked all of those who had served on the Committee over the last four years.

The Meeting closed at 3.00 p.m.