

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BOATPARK**
COMMITTEE held at the **Town Hall** on
Monday 3rd November 2003 at **2.00p.m.**

Present:-

Councillor AH Miller – Chairman
Councillor H Agelink
Councillor C Bright
Councillor Mrs J Farrow
Councillor Mrs C Gainsborough
Councillor M Pratt
Councillor M Tyrer

Also in attendance:-

Mr A. J. Leeson	Town Clerk
Mr G Brookes	Operations Manager
Mr M Leach	Boat Park Attendant
Mr A Lander	Swanage Fisherman's Association

1) **Apologies**

There were no apologies to report for inability to attend the Meeting.

2) **Review of the Minutes of the Meeting held 6th June 2002**

With reference to Minute 1 b) it was noted that the RNL have now issued the Boat Park Attendant with a pager.

The proposal to install a CCTV camera at the Boat Park was further discussed at great length. The Operations Manager informed Members of the possibility of the Police obtaining a £20,000 grant to install CCTV in areas of the town with the possibility of a digital camera at the Boat Park linking into their system.

ACTION: The Operation Manager will evaluate the possibility of co-ordinating CCTV operations with the Police.

Mr Lander informed the Committee that the Fisherman's Association would make a contribution of up to £1,500 towards the installation of CCTV at the Boat Park.

The need for a digital camera as opposed to an analogue camera was recognised, however at a greater cost. Members also recognised the need for installation by Easter 2004. Upon discussion:

It was AGREED:

That the Operations Manager obtains a quote for a digital camera and that the Council should match fund the Fisherman's Association offer.

It was noted that with reference to Minute 5, that the pipe has since been removed.

With reference to Minute 6, it was noted that remedial work on the Fisherman's Hut has been carried out.

3) **Review of the Minutes of the Meeting held 24th February 2003**

Referring to Minute 4, a lengthy discussion ensued with regard to the allocation of the Fisherman's Huts. The criterion for the allocation of a hut was clarified, with the need to be a currently registered Fisherman and Fishermen should provide documentation that the boat is

currently registered. It was noted that many huts were rented by people believed not to be currently registered. After further discussion:

It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:
That an audit of the Fisherman's Hut takes place in order to assess their usage.

ACTION: The Clerk will inform all tenants that an audit of the Fisherman's Huts will take place and that access to them will be required.

With reference to Minute 5, 2, it was reported by the Boat Park Attendant that the same Fishermen were still abusing the use of the slipway. It was reported that all reasonable approaches had failed and the possibility of issuing further sanctions was discussed. The Operations Manager expressed his concern at the position that the enforcement on any sanctions on the operational staff.

The impounding of the offenders boats was discussed. The Operations Manager stated that no local firm would be able to impound the boats due to their size. After further discussion Councillor Bright PROPOSED, Councillor Pratt SECONDED and:

It was AGREED UNANIMOUSLY:
That the Clerk writes to the Fishermen concerned, issuing a set of the Rules and Regulations, offer them the opportunity to rent a grid in the Boat Park and issues notice that the rules regarding the slipway will be enforced and the contravention will result in the impounding of the boat with all costs incurred by them.

ACTION: The Operation Manager will assess the costs for a contractor to impound the boats.

ACTION:

4) **Review of Rules and Regulations**

The Clerk highlighted the fact there is no reference to trailing wires and hoses. After a brief discussion:

It was AGREED:-
That a general clause be written into the Rules and Regulations referring to Health & Safety issues in the Boat Park, to cover all areas.

The redesign of the layout of the Boat Park was discussed. It was requested that a plan of the proposed design for the Boat Park be circulated to new members. It was noted that the cost implications of the reduction in grid had not yet been assessed.

It was AGREED:-

That the Clerk assess the cost implications of the redesigning of the Boat Park.

With reference to clause 8.1 of the Rules & Regulations, Mr Leach requested that the launch times be changed to accommodate 24 hour launching. The need for a ticket machine to allow for payment to launch 24 hours was recognised by the Committee.

5) **Management Issues – Control of Jet Skis**

The Clerk distributed a list of recommendations from the auditor. The urgent need for surface repairs between rows D and E and the need to angle row B in order to enable users to access the grids was recognised by the Committee.

The issue of the control of jetskis was discussed at great length. Committee members recognised that the use of jetskis was increasing in Swanage and recognised the need to exercise control over the problem by allowing the launching of jetskis from the Boat Park slipway. It was noted that the Council had already agreed in principle to allow the launching of jetskis from the slipway. The need to draw up a licence agreement, in order to issue a permit and a Code of Conduct was also noted. After further discussion it was PROPOSED by Councillor Bright and:

It was AGREED:

That the launching of jetskis is permitted from the Boat Park slipway and that a licence agreement be drafted upon consultation with all interested parties.

Mr Lander stated that he did not foresee any conflict with the interests of the fishermen. The need for a channel taking the jetskis away from the slipway was highlighted and which would have to be sanctioned by Purbeck District Council. The Clerk highlighted the need to consult with the RNL and Durlston Country Park to ensure proper consultation with all interested parties over the issue.

Mr Brookes requested that Members consider the introduction of an electronic barriers system at the entrance of the Boat Park, with non-return dippers at the exit. Mr Brookes highlighted the difficulties encountered with the policing of the area and the issues of theft, indiscriminate parking and launching of boats without payment. The inability of boat owners to get insured due to the lack of security was noted. After further discussion:

It was AGREED:

That the Committee support the introduction of an electronic barriers system at the Boat Park.

ACTION: The Operations Manager review the barrier systems that are available and bring prices to the next Policy and Resources Meeting on 17th November 2003.

The issue of accommodating the trailers from the jetskis was discussed. Mr Leach highlighted the problems that would be encountered with the expected numbers of trailers. The issue of allowing trailers to be parked in Broad Road Car Park was raised. Areas of the Boat Park that could be put aside for jetski trailers and also the possibility of parking trailers on the Downs

werealsodiscussed.

ACTION: The Operations Manager will assess the possibility of setting aside an area of the Boat Park for the use of parking the trailers from the jet skis.

ACTION:

The Operations Manager highlighted the mis-use of the Boat Park for rubbish disposal with particular reference to the Fishermen. The disposal of fridges and possibly dangerous liquids in containers that are not labelled was of a major concern. The cost of the hire of the skip at £105.00 per week was noted with the skip being emptied twice in high season. The Operations Manager stated that if this continued it would be reported to the Health and Safety Executive. Mr Lander stated that he would report back to the Fisherman's Association with these points. After further discussion:

It was AGREED:

That the skip be replaced with large bins and that a skip be placed at the Boat Park once per month, with the Fishermen being notified of the dates.

6) **General Issues**

Mr Lander requested that a life belt be situated by the Fishermen's sheds. Mr Brookes stated that a life belt should be situated at this point and would investigate further.

Mr Lander enquired about the cleaning of the slipway. It was stated that this was cleaned on a regular basis.

The absence of ladders was noted. A quote for a new set of ladders would be found.

It was requested that the new Rules & Regulations be displayed better at the Boat Park once they had been drafted.

7) **Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next Meeting of the Boat Park Committee was set for Monday 24 2003 at 2.15 p.m. in the Town Hall.

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