

Minutes of the Meeting of the **BOATPARK**
BEST VALUE WORKING GROUP held at the
Town Hall, Swanage on **Friday, 19th April 2002**
at 9.15am.

Present:-

Councillor A.H. Miller – Chairman.
Councillor Mrs. G.A. Marsh
Councillor J. Roscoe

Also in attendance:-

G. Brookes	Operations Manager (left 10.15am)
Miss S. Goodwin	Staff Representative (from 10.15am)
A.J. Leeson	Town Clerk

1. **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for their inability to attend the Meeting were received from Councillor Suttle (Town Mayor), Councillor Mrs. Wheeldon (Deputy Mayor) and Mr A. Lander (Chairman of Swanage Fishermen's Association).

2. **REVIEW OF ACTION PLAN**

1. **Slipway Repairs**

The Operations Manager explained the specialist nature of the proposed works to the slipway and provided a detailed estimate for consideration. A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the prioritising of the works specified within the budget set as part of the 2002-03 Capital Estimates.

It was **AGREED**:-

That the Operations Manager be instructed to negotiate for the scheme of priority repairs to be undertaken by the nominated contractor within the budgets specified.

It was further **AGREED**:-

That in order to reduce the labour cost of repairs, the Council would provide two operatives.

2. **General Repairs**

Consideration was given to the general repairs to the roofs of the fishermen's sheds and provision of improved security lighting.

It was noted and **AGREED**:-

That the cost of all additional repairs at the Boat Park be restricted to the amount of the revenue budget provision of £1,000.

3. **MINUTES OF MEETING – 2nd APRIL 2002**

The Chairman referred to Minute 2.1a) and it was **AGREED**:

To delete the words "applied to both the annual and seasonal fee charges" and replace the words "applies to the seasonal grid fee only".

Arising from the Minutes, consideration was given to the price, design

and quantity of trailer clamps to be purchased.

After discussion, it was AGREED:-

To purchase three clamps and to investigate the unit cost of installing securing rings as part of the action plan.

4. **MEETING WITH FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION – 5th APRIL 2002**

The Clerk presented notes of the meeting held on 5th April 2002 and reported that DEFRA had confirmed, in principle, to assist in the part-funding of schemes to upgrade facilities for fishermen at the Boat Park.

Arising from the Notes, clarification was made to the policing of the car park allocated for use by the Fishermen. It was noted that policing of the car park be undertaken by the Boat Park attendant in liaison with the Council's Enforcement Officer.

It was also noted that the 15ft wide area on the east of the slipway, designated for use by fishermen, should not be used for the long term storage of boats. In circumstances requiring storage, other than in the short term e.g. during holidays or for mechanical repairs, boats should be moved into the main area of the Boat Park.

It was AGREED:-

That a discount of 20% be applied to the daily or weekly fee, for fishermen requiring to store boats in the main Boat Park.

Further clarification was sought with regard to the application of the 48hr rule and the use of the slipway. It was agreed that the Fishermen's Association be responsible for monitoring the application of the 48hr rule in liaison with the Operations Manager/Town Clerk.

Arising from the above matter, it was noted and AGREED:-

To amend the rules of operation of the Boat Park to provide for the Slipway to be closed at any time by reason of health and safety.

5. **SCOPE OF BEST VALUE REVIEW**

It was noted that the Fishermen's Huts would be included as part of the best value review.

6. **GENERAL ISSUES**
Oversized Boats

Concern was expressed at the boats too large for the allocated grids. Particular concern was expressed at a boat that was incorrectly positioned and occupying three grid spaces.

It was AGREED:-

That notice be issued to the owners of boats incorrectly positioned.

7. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the next meeting be held on Monday, 10th May 2002 at 2.15pm.

The meeting was closed at 11.55am.
