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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Thursday 24th January 2019 at 7.30pm** in The Parish Office.

Present:- John Seymour (Chairman), Steve Roch, Jane Armstrong, Peter Roe, Alan Collett and Sabrina Fenn.

Parish Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield.

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1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** – Were received & ***accepted*** from; Alban Donohoe (*work*) & Neil Thompson (*childminding, but had hoped to get here at some point*).
2. There were no **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**.
3. It was ***proposed & agreed*** that the **MINUTES** of meeting held on Wednesday 7th November 2018 are signed as a true record.
4. **Public Participation** in relation to any item on the agenda. No public wished to speak.
5. After much consideration and investigation with regard locating a new **Notice Board** within in the Dinghy Park it is ***agreed*** that we take no further action, as we have now agreed to update the signage at the entrance to the dinghy park instead. Our thanks to the National Trust for granting us permission to proceed had we have wanted to.
6. **Budgets** – Members noted that the budget figure of £1,500 has been granted for 2019/20 by Blakeney Parish Council, and were advised that The Finance Committee of Blakeney Parish Council request that this committee should work towards being self funding by 2020/21, ie. 1st March 2020. Further thoughtful discussions and ideas will follow.
7. The following **Winter works** were considered ahead of the new season;
 - **Dinghy Park clear up** – This was very successful with little rubbish having to be removed.
 - **Boat Removal** – Only a handful of 30 day notices had to be applied at the end of the season, and come removal day, all boats had been removed by their owners. An excellent result. Just one old trailer and the remains of another were placed in the compound. Since then we have had an extremely high tide, which has resulted in a 'Skipper 12 Sailing Dinghy' coming adrift from its mooring and ending up in the dinghy park. Contact has been made with the owner, and a 30 day notice has been placed on the boat, which will be removed in line with our regulations if need be, of which the owner is aware.

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- **Chains** – Work to be undertaken as previously agreed and to be addressed by a Working Party on Monday 18th February at 10am.
 - **Footpaths** – A good idea to keep on top of these annually, and again a Working Party could deal with this. Steve Roch will coordinate this, and Peter and Alan are happy to help.
 - **Signage:-**
 - i) **At Entrance** - overlays etc all now agreed, and items to be ordered in readiness for new season. John Seymour to action.
 - ii) **Kayaks** – one sign to be made saying something along the lines of 'Kayaks here' and to be placed in the northern corner of the dinghy park, where they tend to be now, but to encourage all. John Seymour happy to do.
 - iii) **Temporary Boat Removal** – Application form and actual permit agreed and will be ordered by John, with wording having been agreed by committee. This scheme to be reviewed at the end of the season.
 - **Grass cutting** – The National Trust will undertake this on Wednesday 13th February. Sabrina was made aware of areas that were missed last year, to ensure that they are included this year.
 - **Potholes** in dinghy park – There were mixed views on whether they should be addressed or not. However, the Clerk was asked to obtain a price for this work, noting that it would need to be in conjunction with the requirements of The National Trust and this can then be discussed further.
 - **Future Charges** (refer to 17th April 2018 minutes) – Picked up from earlier. The committee accept the view of the Finance Committee, in that the DP should be self funded. There is scope for this. Various ideas were briefly touched upon including; Asking for donations from all users; Setting a fee per user; Setting a fee per boat etc. There are many hidden costs, and will be more as we move forward each year. Members were asked to bring all ideas back to the next meeting for full discussion.
8. **Committee Vacancy** – For one member of Public Representative – An application had been received from a Blakeney resident, Theresa Schrem, and it was **agreed** that we accept her application, which will be considered by BPC as per our terms of reference as a formality.
9. Since the loss of the **Blakeney Sailing Club** clubhouse, consideration had been given to a changing hut, but for the time being it has been resolved to take no further action with this notion.

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10. Other Management Issues not covered above.

- It was noted that The N/T had recently removed 3 old wrecked boats from the marshes, as per their own regulations. The Committee thanked them for their work.
- Jane Armstrong will send the BSC Open Event dates through to the Clerk. John Seymour advised that there was alternative free parking to those who participate in these events, to take the pressure of the dinghy park, The Carnser and the Car Park Attendants, and that he would give further thought how to best promote this via the BSC.

11. Next Meeting – Wednesday 27th March at 7.00pm in The Parish Office.

Meeting closed at 9.08pm.

Chairman _____