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Minutes of a meeting of the '**DINGHY PARK JOINT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**' which was held on **Wednesday 12th February 2020 commencing at 7.00pm in The Parish Office.**

Present:- John Seymour (Chairman), Jane Armstrong, Steve Roch, Peter Roe, Neil Thompson & Sabrina Fenn.

Clerk:- Tracey Bayfield

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1. **Apologies for absence** – ***accepted*** from Alban Donohoe, Theresa Schrem & Alan Collett.
2. Members noted that there is now 1 x Parish Councillor DP **Committee Vacancy** following the resignation from the Parish Council of Neil Thompson, however, Neil is still a member of this committee, representing the Blakeney Harbour Association.
3. There were no **Declarations of Interest** from committee members.
4. It was ***resolved*** that the **Minutes** of the meeting held on Tuesday 29th October 2019 are signed as a true record.
5. **Public Participation** – no members of the public were present.
6. The following points were ***resolved;***

Winter works – just 3 boats were removed early January 2020. The annual clear up of the park by the Sailing Club went well, little rubbish to mention. The grass cutting has not yet been undertaken, we were hoping to undertake a cut early December and another ahead of the opening of the park.

Action: SF will come back to us with a date when the N/T may be able to undertake this work, noting that it has to be done before 1st March. JS will place chain and close dinghy park off on Sunday 23rd Feb and will remove for the 1st March.

Winter permits – 3 were issued this year and all craft have been out on the water.

Abandoned boats – current season; The Wayfarer dinghy has been claimed, it belongs to a customer of Blakeney Marine (BM), and BM should have removed it from the park before the end of the season. We will not impose a release fee, this is a goodwill gesture to BM in return for allowing us use of their field. This leaves just 1 x kayak and 1 x small row boat. They will be advertised in accordance with our regulations if not claimed by 10th March. *They will be available for viewing on Saturday 25th April 2020 from 10am to 12 noon and sealed bids must be in the Parish Office by 5pm on Friday 22nd May 2020. *NB: *(Post meeting note; this date may be pushed back.)*

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Advice has been sought from 'Rradar Solicitors', which gives free legal advice to the Parish Council as part of their insurance package and they have advised that the **Torts (Interference with Goods) Act 1977** is likely to be the most applicable legislation in relation to the question; How long should any funds from receipt of sale be held in order to be claimed in the event of the owner (with proof of ownership) comes forward; the answer being that the general limitation period for an action founded in tort is six years for the date on which the cause of an action accrued.

Action: The Clerk will place the advertisement and JS will oversee the viewings.

Breaches – At the beginning of December there were 14 boats on the park, we ended up with just 3. After this we had a catamaran, which had been placed on the park in the wrong month, contact was made with owner who apologised and removed it.

Washed up boat - A Dory, which had broken from its mooring and had ended up floating about in Bridge Creek (and had not been claimed after due investigations) was being removed by the NT to their property under their 30/60 notices rules, early as there was a possibility of it causing damage if it got into the Channel. Unfortunately, it had to be temporary left, but in a non-boat parking space, in the dinghy park as their trailer did not get back from the repair workshop in time. As it was not thought desirable by the Chairman to have it in the dinghy park for however short a period it was decided to remove in to Blakeney Marine rather than NT property. In the meantime, the owner had made themselves know to Carl Bishop so it was immediately returned to a temporary place on the Carnser for the owner, or their representative, to put it back on one of their moorings on the next suitable tide.

Action: Agreed not to move boats from the marsh onto the dinghy park. They are not under the jurisdiction of this committee, no matter how well intentioned.

Boat Disposal/Skip – order a midi skip, working group to meet on Thursday 5th March at 10am to cut up. Currently 4 boats, arrange for skip to be collected on the 9th March.

Action: Clerk will order the skip. Members will undertake the work.

Registration update – The register began in 2009 and to date 436 craft have been registered over the years in total. We will revisit the figures mid-season.

Action: JA will be at the park on 1st March with a supply of forms, encouraging people to register.

Notices – The notice in relation to the siting of kayaks is being redone by Steve Soanes, who is kindly donating this to the committee. If not ready in time for the new season, JS will dig out the old one.

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Donations – to date total £995 and as per the October 2019 we are about to undertake another mailshot/reminder.

Action: Clerk.

Car Parking: Decision stands as taken at the October meeting, however we will now remove the car park permit offer from the registration forms with immediate effect and look to dwindle these out. Note in GVN (via the registration form) and via the clubs, that any vehicle parked in this area is subject to the P&D rules.

Car parking in the dinghy park is generally prohibited and is restricted to those with permits and drivers with the specific consent of the Car Park Attendants. Please note

Action: Clerk.

Season ahead – No outstanding items.

- 7. Budget** – remaining for 2019/20 is £1382.33; this skip will come out of this, and JS will purchase some more waterproof paper. Committee will also look into the possibility of purchasing a large 'A' frame notice for occasional use in the park. As it stands the budget for 2020/21 is £995.

Action: JS & JA.

- 8. Correspondence** in relation to the dinghy park; CRAB wrote to advise that they were happy with the revised version of the arrangements for the temporary removal of the CRAB boats as per the August 2019 minutes.
- 9.** There were no outstanding **Management Issues**.
- 10.** Date of **Next Meeting** – Wednesday 24th June 2020 – 6.15pm on site at the dinghy park and then back to the Parish Office. ***Apologies noted*** from Neil Thompson.

Meeting closed

Chairman _____