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AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Board of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at the RAF Yacht Club, Hamble on Friday, 6th October, 2017

- a. Councillor Keith Evans
- p. Councillor Peter Latham
- p. Councillor Keith House
- p. Nikki Hiorns
- p. David Jobson
- p. Chris Moody
- p. Jason Scott

****Councillor Peter Latham chaired this meeting in the absence of Councillor Keith Evans****

14. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Keith Evans.

15. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in any matter considered at the meeting they must declare that interest at the time of the relevant debate and, having regard to the circumstances described in Part 3, Paragraph 1.5 of the County Council's Members' Code of Conduct, leave the meeting while the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with Paragraph 1.6 of the Code. Furthermore Members were mindful that where they believed they had a Non-Pecuniary interest in a matter being considered at the meeting they considered whether such interest should be declared, and having regard to Part 5, Paragraph 2 of the Code, considered whether it was appropriate to leave the meeting whilst the matter was discussed, save for exercising any right to speak in accordance with the Code. Mr David Jobson declared Personal Interests including memberships of the Royal Southern Yacht Club; RAF Yacht Club; Royal Yachting Association and as a Midstream Mooring Holder.

16. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the previous meeting, held on 14 July 2017, were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

17. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

18. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman did not make any announcements.

19. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE RIVER HAMBLE HARBOUR MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE - 8 SEPTEMBER 2017**

The Board received and noted the draft minutes of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee meeting held on 8 September 2017 (Item 6 in the Minute Book).

20. **MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour and updates from the Marine Director.

Members were grateful for the summary of incidents and events under section 3 of the report. The Board requested that, additional to this, more information quantifying the frequency of different types of incidents was included within the next report.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board:

- a) Notes paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.
- b) Supports and approves the recommendations from the Harbour Committee made at paragraph 4.6 a-f.

21. **ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 8 in the Minute Book).

The report summarised environmental management of the Hamble Estuary throughout June and July 2017.

With regards to the anode research PhD study, it was confirmed that it required no further funding by Harbour Authority, and that some of the recommendations from the study would be taken forward by officers as part of their future management of the Harbour.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report.

22. **HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION**

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 9 in the Minute Book).

The report outlined an application, made by Marina Development Limited to extend five piers at Hamble Point Marina.

Discussion was held regarding the enforceability of the recommendations and Members were assured that the Marine Director had the authority to impose and implement any necessary restrictions at his discretion as outlined within the report. It was noted that, in reference to recommendation h, although advice from Natural England (NE) had initially been sought, officers were due to undertake further consultation with NE and the Environment Agency regarding the summer fish migration season and the timing of necessary piling works.

The Chairman proposed that a vote be taken and the majority of Members voted in favour of the recommendations.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board approves the Harbour Works Consent for the proposal set out in Section 3 of the report and subject to the following conditions:

- a. The proposal is to be built in accordance with the details, plans and method set out in paragraph 3.5.
- b. The development is constructed in accordance with the guidance given in the industry Code of Practice for the design of marinas.
- c. Hamble Point Marina conducts a revised Risk Assessment within its own Safety Management System to reflect and manage the risks of the changes made and provides self-certification that it has done so prior to any construction taking place. That risk assessment will in particular address the management of risk of vessels entering and particularly leaving the Marina and conflicting with other vessels (especially small vessels including dinghies, kayaks and canoes) using the access channel. This will include the following control measures being put in place prior to berths being allocated:
 - i. The affixing of appropriately visible signage (at least 1m in height and 1.5m width, with the wording 'GIVE WAY TO TRAFFIC USING THE ACCESS CHANNEL') at the exit of each Marina channel to show that vessels leaving the Marina are required to give way to those vessels using the access channel.
 - ii. written advice to all Marina berth holders and inclusion in the terms of berth-holders' lease of the requirement to give way as at 9.1c.i above, coupled with the right of termination in the event of non-compliance.
 - iii. Suitable advice must also be made available for visiting vessels.
- d. The beam of craft moored on the new Hammerheads will be limited to the dimensions indicated in the attached plans with no double berthing or rafting allowed. The concomitant impact of the narrower width of the channel will be to limit the length of craft using it to 17.7m (53ft) at the narrowest point (26.6m). Other limitations will apply to the lengths of

vessels able to use the channel adjacent to each hammerhead, commensurate with the new width created, which may affect the overall berthing plan within the Marina. This must feature in the Marina's revised risk assessment.

- e. The freeboard height of any vessel moored on the hammerheads shall be such as not to prevent adequate visibility of craft, particularly small craft, using the access channel and, in turn, to afford the necessary visibility to craft exiting the Marina.
- f. The existing Aids to Navigation marking the end of each finger pontoon should be adjusted Riverwards by MDL as appropriate and the necessary facts reported to Trinity House and UKHO, keeping the RHHA informed. No additional lighting to be placed on the pontoons to effect or impact on the visibility or characteristics of Aids to Navigation.
- g. Vibro-piling should be used as a standard. Percussive piling must only be used if needed to drive a pile to its design depth. If percussive piling is necessary then soft-start procedure must be used to ensure incremental increase in pile power over a set time period until full operational power is achieved.
- h. Due to the sensitivity of the summer fish migration season, piling works are best undertaken outside of the summer migration period. Natural England suggests that further advice is sought from the Environment Agency with regard to timing restrictions.
- i. All equipment, temporary structures, waste and/or debris associated with the licensed activities are removed upon completion of the licensed activities.
- j. The development must be completed within 3 years from the date of the approval granted by the Harbour Board.

23. FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS

The Board considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with regard to the future business items for the Committee and Harbour Board agendas (Item 10 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Board notes the report.