

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Warsash Sailing Club, Winchester on
Friday, 8th September, 2017

Chairman:

p. Councillor Seán Woodward

p. Councillor Roger Huxstep
a. Councillor Fred Birkett
a. Councillor Mark Cooper
p. Councillor Rod Cooper
a. Councillor Tonia Craig
p. Councillor Pal Hayre

p. Councillor Rupert Kyrle
p. Councillor Stephen Philpott
p. Councillor Lance Quantrill
p. Councillor Bruce Tennent

Co-opted members

p. Rupert Boissier - River Hamble Boatyard and Marine Operators Association
p. Councillor Trevor Cartwright - Fareham Borough Council
p. Councillor Frank Pearson - Winchester City Council
p. Trevor Pountain - Association of River Hamble Yacht Clubs
p. John Selby - Royal Yachting Association
p. Nicola Walsh – British Marine

13. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Dermod O'Malley and from Councillor Cooper.
Councillor Tennent was in attendance as the Liberal Democrat deputy.

14. 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.

Ms Nicola Walsh declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest as an employee of Premier Marinas; Cllr Cartwright declared Personal Interests as a member of Warsash Sailing Club and the Royal Yachting Association; Mr John Selby declared Personal Interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; committee member of the Royal Yachting Association, of the River Hamble Combined Clubs and of the River Hamble Mooring Holders Association; Mr Trevor Pountain declared Personal Interests as the Chair of the Association of River Hamble

Yacht Clubs, a member of the Hamble River Sailing Club, the Royal Southern Yacht Club, the Royal Yachting Association and as a mooring holder.

15. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 23 June 2017 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

16. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations on this occasion.

17. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements on this occasion.

18. MARINE DIRECTOR AND HARBOUR MASTER'S REPORT AND CURRENT ISSUES

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 6 in the Minute Book) regarding incidents and events in the Harbour and updates from the Marine Director.

An addendum was distributed at the meeting which outlined those events which had occurred since the publication of the papers.

In reference to the recommendations listed at section 4.6 of the report, discussion was held regarding the liability for swimming in the River were the Harbour Authority to put in place signage to alert swimmers to potential risks. The Committee were advised that whilst there may still be some liability, because the River is under the jurisdiction of the Harbour Authority, individuals were required to take responsibility for their own actions and to act appropriately based upon advice given.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee:

- a) Notes paragraphs 1, 2 and 3.
- b) Agrees to recommend to the Board endorsement of the recommendations made at paragraph 4.6 a-f.

19. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services (Item 7 in the Minute Book).

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

Members expressed their gratitude to the Harbour Authority and to ABP for the River Hamble Safeguarding Agreement drawn up in response to the Southampton Water Capital Dredge as referred to within section 2.1 of the report.

The Committee discussed the high levels of zinc in the River Hamble and the reasons behind varying rates of anode decay. Members were informed that, in some instances, boat owners had unknowingly placed too many anodes onto their vessels which had potentially further increased zinc levels in the water. To mitigate this, it was reported that educating and advising river users would be important going forward. It was confirmed, in response to Members' questions, that the average zinc level during the PhD research was 8.07ug/l and that to have any significant adverse environmental impact, the zinc level would need to be at or above 30ug/l.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report.

20. **HARBOUR WORKS CONSENT APPLICATION**

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

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

Members discussed any possible environmental impact of the proposals. The Committee heard that Natural England had not deemed the application to have any significant environmental effect and was satisfied that consent for the proposal be granted.

With regards to recommendation 9.1d, discussion took place about the varying widths of the new access channel created by the new extension and the need to reflect that in the recommendation made.

With regards to recommendation 9.1e, it was noted that not specifying a freeboard height for any vessel which would be moored on the hammerheads was intended to encourage the applicant, MDL Marinas, to consider the nature of the vessels which are moored and to provide greater flexibility by not stipulating a regulation height.

Members praised the report and some members noted that, if approved, the development had the potential to generate additional revenue for the local economy.

The Chairman proposed that a vote be taken on the recommendations. The majority vote was in favour of the proposals and the recommendations were duly agreed as below.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee recommends to the River Hamble Harbour Board to approve Harbour Works Consent for the proposal set out in Section 3 of this 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 4.7m 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 this narrowest point, which may affect the overall berthing plan within the Marina.
- 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.

21. **FORWARD PLAN FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

The Committee 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 9 in the Minute Book).

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report.