

AT A MEETING of the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee of HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL held at Warsash Sailing Club on Friday, 13th March, 2020:

PRESENT

Chairman:

* Councillor Seán Woodward

Vice-Chairman:

* Councillor Roger Huxstep

Councillor Fred Birkett
Councillor Mark Cooper
* Councillor Rod Cooper
Councillor Tonia Craig

* Councillor Pal Hayre
* Councillor Rupert Kyrle
* Councillor Stephen Philpott
* Councillor Lance Quantrill

*Present

Co-opted members

Rupert Boissier, River Hamble Boatyard and Marina Operators Association
* Trevor Bryant, Association of Hamble River Yacht Clubs
* Captain Phil Buckley, Associated British Ports
* Councillor Trevor Cartwright MBE, Fareham Borough Council
Dermod O'Malley, Berth and Mooring Holders
* Councillor Frank Pearson, Winchester City Council
Councillor Jane Rich, Eastleigh Borough Council
* John Selby, Royal Yachting Association
Nicola Walsh, British Marine

100. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Cooper, Councillor Tonia Craig, Rupert Boissier and Nicola Walsh.

101. 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.

Councillor Rod Cooper declared an interest as a mooring holder and as a non executive Board Director at the RAF Yacht Club; Councillor Cartwright declared interests as a member of the Royal Yachting Association; Mr John Selby declared interests as a trustee of Warsash Sailing Club; a committee member of the Royal Yachting Association, of the River Hamble Combined Clubs and of the River Hamble Mooring Holders Association.

102. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the meeting held on 6 December 2019 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

103. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

104. CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman noted that the River Hamble Annual Forum would be held at Warsash Sailing Club on Monday 16 March at 7pm.

The Committee recorded thanks to Dermot O'Malley, the Berth and Mooring Holders Representative, who had announced that he would be standing down.

The Committee also recognised the work of the Harbour Office team during the bad weather and storms in maintaining safety on the River.

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

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services regarding incidents and events in the Harbour.

In introducing the report, the Marine Director highlighted the recent periods of bad weather and storms and the detail included within section 5.34 of the report.

Members discussed incidents of theft on the River. It was confirmed that a police investigation was ongoing.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

That the Committee note their thanks to Harbour Authority officers for their continued efforts throughout the recent storms and also for resilient approach during office refurbishment work.

106. ENVIRONMENTAL UPDATE

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services with an update on environmental matters.

In addition to the content of the report, the Committee heard that a meeting of the Hamble Estuary Partnership had taken place on 4 December 2019. Members agreed that the [link to the minutes and presentations](#) be circulated.

Members also discussed the issue of nitrates entering into the River and the causes for this including development and construction, agriculture and also from some recreational activities. Whilst there was no direct impact on the existing Harbour Works Consent process, and the concern was more relevant to local planning authorities, Members agreed that the issue was important. It was noted that [a report](#) had been to the Partnership for South Hampshire Joint Committee meeting which set out the details clearly.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the content of the report.

107. RIVER HAMBLE ASSET REGISTER

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services outlining the register of Harbour Authority assets and timescales for replacement.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee recommends to the Board that this report be taken into account alongside the annual statutory accounts in setting Harbour Dues for 2020/21 at the July Board meeting.

108. ANNUAL REVIEW OF BUSINESS PLAN

The Committee considered the report of the Director of Culture, Communities and Business Services reviewing the Harbour Authority Business Plan.

RESOLVED:

That the Committee note the content of the Business Plan and recommend that this be approved by the River Hamble Harbour Board.

109. **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.

RESOLVED:

That the River Hamble Harbour Management Committee notes the report.