



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the Committee Meeting held on Thursday 13th August 2020
at 7 pm via Zoom.

1. Present by Zoom: - Chris Brown, Sharon Geary-Harwood, Jim Hopwood, Dick Pizey, Martin Lucas, Keith Guy Gibbens, George Fabling, Neil Howarth (part time).
2. Apologies for Absence: Phil Crossland, Dave Waters
3. Minutes of the last meeting – **approved**.
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a. Boat lifter – **Chris to agree a date for a visit next week.**
 - b. Security – **Chris to discuss with Esso and Cadland Estate.**
 - c. Regatta – Agreed not to hold an event this year. Drascombe rally planned for 22nd August and Kippers visit on 23rd.
 - d. Dredging – National Park planning approval requested.
 - e. Abandoned boat 'Polly' available for a nominal sum. **Dick to put notice in the Newsletter.**
5. Hon Sec – Jim Hopwood
 - a. Decisions taken by e-mail since last meeting:
 - i. Accepted Nicolls quote for mast crane wharf.
 - ii. Agreed not to pay block lifter claim.
6. Treasurer – Sharon Geary-Harwood
 - a. Main bank account stands at £22,022.71
 - b. Other accounts are as previously stated.
 - c. I will look at closing the second Nat West account, due to not being able to link this to the accounts package
 - d. Draft accounts have now been issued – **Jim to discuss directors list with Kara. Otherwise approved.**
 - e. We had a refund from the bank of £205.95, as we should not be paying bank fees, so in the future, there will be no charges incurred on the account.

- f. Once I receive my card reader, I hopefully will be able to make payments for goods purchased.
- g. Inter meeting communications seem to be by email, which can be hard to access when travelling or not near a computer and can be too long, just for a yes or no answer. How about a committee WhatsApp group, especially if it is just a quick yes or no answer is required? **Agreed, Dick and Sharon to set it up.**

7. Membership – Dick Pizey

- a. Final payments of those who took 50% option coming in - further reminder in this month Newsletter and then direct emails if not forthcoming with payment by deadline (31st Aug)– no issues envisaged
- b. 6 new members into the club in past 4 weeks
- c. 3 ongoing enquiries
- d. Note – all enquiries received by website link.

8. Website – Dick Pizey

- a. Website traffic continues to increase
- b. Additions to Visitors information page and link from Club info page to three new videos using a drone to fly the creek at low tide as well as high.
- c. Note – Merv/George/Keith or anyone in fact – if you have a specific need for an aerial picture or video of moorings/hazards/navigation mark placement etc let Sharon know as she knows the drone pilot and could get it done for the cost of a drink no doubt.

9. Planned cruise to Poole starting the Sunday after the regatta for anyone who fancies it – will be advertised in Newsletter.

10. Pound Space / Unused Boats

- a. Now that there is pressure on Compound spaces planning ahead – mechanism to encourage use of boats and discourage cheap parking.
- b. I will contact other clubs and see what they do but those of you who have been at this game for longer than I might have some ideas.
- c. **Proposal to be developed to deal with unused boats in the pound and on moorings; to be approved at the agm in March.**
- d. **Meanwhile, Jim will contact John Connolly re moving his boat to the pound.**

11. Artist

- a. I've had a message from a lady artist who has done 10 or so paintings of the creek and or individual boats. I plan to circulate this via the Newsletter so people can have a look and/or contact her direct.

12. Projects – Phil Crossland

a. Jetty

There has been a constructive suggestion for further removable links in the wire handrail. This is to facilitate vessels further towards the land which proved a little problematic for a recent occasion.

The navigation light and red can, together with the night time switch are in hand (possibly fitted by the time the meeting takes place), as will a stainless box to facilitate the electrical connections which will take place once installed.

Mast Crane wharf

Nicolls have been informed their estimate has been accepted. At this stage they are unable to give a start date. This will include the installation of the Clubs non marking vertical rubber sliders.

Other matter

A club member has made contact with Phill Crossland discussing security issues including CCTV, and other issues which he claimed affect Esso. The separate points were presented to the committee for further consideration and recommendations.

13. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens

- a. Two blocks lifted, rechained to go back in Thursday.
- b. Two more blocks ready to go in.
- c. Ian Round requested complete overhaul of mooring before winter.
- d. Chris Edwards has been very helpful digging in blocks. **Agreed the club mud boots currently in the bosun's store, should be available to people working on moorings.**
- e. There are still doubts about who is entitled to what and a lack of written records of upgrades. **Chris to convene a moorings subcommittee to develop a long term plan.**
- f. Dick reported:
 - i. Good quality, used pontoons available at £1200 each from Aladdin's Cave.
 - ii. Old Sandbanks Ferry chain available from Poole harbour master, could replace several blocks.

14. Maintenance – George Fabling

- a. Pontoon light element and gent's loo seat replaced.
- b. Two spare upgraded padlocks in the digital safe.
- c. Navigation buoy retrieved from Warsash – had been deliberately cut loose.
- d. Project store roof needs replacing.

15. Compound – Martin Lucas

- a. Some paving slabs have been stolen.

16. Boat House – Neil Howarth

- a. Canoe rack casters in pro.

17. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters

- a. All good with the Pontoon. Pylons and walk way painted.

18. Any Other Business

- a. **Dick to ask Debs to arrange a pursuit race in September.**
- b. Major maintenance:
 - i. Sea wall by pontoon access – **Chris to discuss with Esso.**
 - ii. Club house soffit facing pound – **George to check what needs doing and propose a plan.**

Future meeting dates: 10th September, 8th October, 12th November, 10th December