

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON

30TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Zoom Meeting Commenced 19:45 Hours

CHAIRMAN: K Wickham

**PRESENT: C Bailey, R Fancy, C Freeman, R Hawkins, S Hollington, J James, P Pope,
P Woodford**

**APOLOGIES: B Calver, P Channer, T Dann, S Harrison, R Korda, A Shearring, C Spain,
N Pudney**

23 MINUTES OF THE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 4TH DECEMBER 2019

23.1 There was a vote of acceptance – All agreed that the Minutes of the Advisory Committee be signed as a true record.

24 MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH SEPTEMBER 2020

Not Available for acceptance.

25 The Chairman explained the issues and purpose of the Committee.

26 Any Other Business:

The Chairman asked if there were any items members wished to raise that were not on the Agenda.

26.1 *PWC's*

Mr John James raised issues of PWC's on the Crouch. General discussion over what the CHA could do and what the Advisory members wanted to do. After lengthy discussion involving all attendees the following proposals were requested to be placed on the next Members Agenda asking for a policy change. It was noted that in some instances there has been additional polices added and modified without this committee being consulted which gave concerns as to the value of the committee. It was noted that this year there had been a remarkable increase in use of the rivers especially around the upper reaches of the Crouch. Mr James noted a comment about navigation limitations ref Policy MISC2 and its total lack of understanding by some river users especially PWC users

Proposal – Total ban similar to that on the Roach Ref Harbour Management Plan 1996 NC2

This vote was carried unanimously.

There were no further items under Any Other Business.

27 *BYH Annual Dredging Licence*

The Committee questioned why these licence renewals were sent down to the Advisory for approval having already been sanctioned by the Members Committee.

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29 *Paul Woodford Request to consider creating a Maximum Speed Limit and Noise Limit*

Proposal – To have an upper speed limit of 40 mph on the whole river system within the CHA – Similar to and contained possibly in Policy MISC1

Proposal – Upper noise limits for motorized craft – there is no recognized limits on noise emissions by craft within the CHA area, this will soon become an issue, It was felt by the committee that a policy should be sought on the maximum dBa levels on the river to protect wildlife disturbance.

This vote was carried unanimously.

30 *Essex Marina – Works Licence Application to Replace 6 Existing Piles due to Corrosion*

A Works Licence application has been received but no details or drawings have been provided.

Agreed that before the application could be considered to report back to the applicant and ask that they provide a set of engineering plans together with full details.

31 *Essex Marina – Works Licence Application to Install 2 Additional Piles to give the Fuel Barge a New Permanent Location Next to the Hoist Dock*

Agreed that before the application could be considered to report back to the applicant and ask that they provide a set of engineering plans together with full details.

32 *Woodham Water Sports Association Application to Provide Secure Fencing and a River Gate to divide the Slipway Access from the Public Footpath along the Seawall*

Mr Pope declared an Interest.

Majority vote in favour of the application.

33 *Proposed Jetty at Creeksea Ferry Inn*

The Committee felt that the proposal lacked content enough to approve but could see no reason to stop a full application to be submitted apart from issues with Baltic Wharf and ship movements.

34 *2021 Fees*

It was proposed by Mr Hollington and seconded by Mr Woodford to approve the 2021 fees. Majority vote.

35 *MMO Consultation on Application for MLA/2020/00260, Little Hayes Railway Embankment Stabilisation*

Mr Hollington declared an interest.

The Committee accepted the application, requested further information on the application for a works license and the value of the same. Comment was raised why the MMO had approached the CHA in this fashion and at whose costs.

36 *Enquiry from Liam Ellis to Bring Barge into the River*

Declined, concerns on suitability of the site for this type of operation, size and age of craft and the potential of it becoming another live on board and finally another rotting steel wreck in the area.

37 *Complaint from Mr Van der Schans*

The Chairman explained position, the correspondence exchanged and the complainant has withdrawn.

38 Any Other Business:

38.1 Point raised could the schedule/pattern of patrols in the upper reaches of the Crouch be modified/changed to suit the issues they presently are experiencing

38.2 A vote of thanks, from the committee to all the staff for operating under such dire conditions during the Covid 19 epidemic.

38.3 *Next Meeting Date:*

Accepted by Committee to be a “Zoom” style meeting Wednesday 2nd December 2020.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.10 p.m.