

THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY ZOOM MEETING

HELD ON

17TH FEBRUARY 2022

CHAIRMAN: E Buckley

PRESENT: R Coyle, T Dann, S Hollington, R Lingard, D Sperring, K Wickham

APOLOGIES: R Brown, J James, S Olley

IN ATTENDANCE: Susan Harrison Harbour Master

The Harbour Master welcomed back the Chairman.

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC:

PART I (GOLD)

(Matters of a non-confidential nature taken with the public and press present).

19 *Chairman's Announcements*

There were no announcements.

20 **MINUTES OF AUTHORITY ZOOM MEETING HELD ON 12th JANUARY 2022**

It was proposed by Mr Wickham and seconded by Mr Lingard that Part 1 be approved as a correct record. All in favour. Agreed.

20.1 *Repairs to Office Guttering and Roof*

Information: The Chairman asked for an update on the repairs to the Office. The Harbour Master said this was being dealt with by Mr James who was currently seeking quotes for the work.

21 *Complaints*

Information: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman have been in discussions regarding complaints received concerning the fees.

22 *Essex Minerals Local Plan Review Policy S6 Engagement and Call for Sites Exercise*

Information: The Authority have been approached by Essex County Council to engage in consultation on the Essex Minerals Local Plan Review Policy S6 Engagement and Call for Sites Exercise.

Action: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to respond.

23 *South East Marine Plans Monitoring Survey*

Information: The Authority have also been asked for the Authority's support in collecting data to strengthen the monitoring and reporting of England's marine plans, specifically in the Southeast marine plan area.

Action: The Chairman and Vice-Chairman to respond.

24 *Water Quality*

Information: Clive Marfleet, Advisory Committee co-opted member representing Canoes/Kayaks has written in regarding water quality on the Rivers Crouch and Roach.

The Chairman has been looking into this for a while and been in discussions with Rebecca Bromley the Eastern Support Regional Officer at Anglian Water who will be leaving early March.

She has indicated that the Environment Agency will be the only ones to provide a source of information.

Action Items:

- To consult with the Environment Agency to see where the Authority's responsibilities lie in informing people whether the river is suitable to swim or undertake other sports.
- Respond to Clive Marfleet's enquiry.
- Chairman to update members.

To be Actioned by: Mr Buckley

25 *Hullbridge Slipway*

Discussion: The Hullbridge slipway has come up as a point of interest following reports of damage to the slipway.

The Vice-Chairman said that he had been down to the slipway to take some photographs and the damage was not as bad as reported. However, the Authority did need to establish ownership, as he had done some background checks and Essex Highways say that it is nothing to do with them and the Parish Councils have been unable to provide information. After having asked Whirlledge & Nott they have provided some definition, but it is still not clear whether the slipway is classified as a highway, a bridleway, a private road or a private street and there was no definition on that section of the river of the right of way. Therefore, it needed to be carefully looked at.

The Chairman asked Mr Coyle if he could help in resolving the problem as to who owned what and whether the Ford came under Essex Highways jurisdiction, as he did not believe that the Authority should be contributing to any repairs. Mr Coyle said he was happy to help.

Decision: To pass all correspondence and documents to Mr Coyle to review and to then decide as to how this should be dealt with. Mr Wickham happy to assist

Action Items:

- Documents to be reviewed by Mr Coyle.

To be Actioned by: Mr Coyle and Mr Wickham

All in Favour: Agreed

26 Any Other Business:

There were no matters arising.

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 7.42p.m.