

# THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY

## MINUTES OF THE CROUCH HARBOUR AUTHORITY MEETING

HELD ON

7TH SEPTEMBER 2022

**CHAIRMAN:** E Buckley

**PRESENT:** R Coyle, T Dann, J James, K Wickham

**APOLOGIES:** R Brown, S Hollington, R Lingard, S Olley

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Susan Harrison Harbour Master, M Fisher Assistant to the Harbour Master

### PART I (GOLD)

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

51 *Chairman's Announcements*

There were no announcements.

52 **MINUTES OF AUTHORITY MEETING HELD ON 11TH MAY 2022**

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

52.1 *Water Quality*

**Information:**

The Chairman reported that this was ongoing.

Mr Wickham gave an update of discussions at the recent Coastal Community Team Water Safety meeting at Hullbridge

53 **MINUTES OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 6TH JULY 2022**

53.1 *Reorganisation of Advisory Committee*

**Information:**

Mr Wickham reported that he had drawn up a report which he had passed to both the Authority and Advisory Committee members for comment. The report has also been given to Captain Peter McArthur for his attention.

**Decision:**

To review again once comments have been received back from Captain McArthur.

53.2 *Hullbridge Slipway*

**Information:**

Mr Wickham reported that at a recent Community meeting, Paul Rawson from the Marine Police was in attendance. After having carried out some research, it appeared that the Byway is a "Boat Byway". He has been speaking to the various organisations that are in the Byway Committee and they have come up with some suggestions on how to manage it.

The Harbour Master said that Paul Rawson had made a huge contribution in the short time he had been responsible for the Crouch and Roach. The Chairman agreed and said that as a lot of the problems at Hullbridge were antisocial behaviour and shoreside access it was positive news that the Police were taking an active role in having the byway policed.

Mr Coyle pointed out that he was not in attendance at the authority meeting on the 11<sup>th</sup> May and said that he had been misquoted. He said the slipway was **not** a public maintained highway.

54 *Request from Mr Nick Wood (Member of the Public) to move the 8-knot Marker closer to Black Point)*

The Chairman reported that a request had been received from Mr Wood who would like the 8k speed limit extended to the west of the Cliff Racing mark and Black Point to include safe and quiet anchorage at the Cliff.

The Chairman said he was happy either way but if the Authority did consider the proposal it would have to go out for full consultation.

The Harbour Master said she was very much against agreeing to the proposal as this could set a precedent. Members were then asked to give their views.

Mr James then went on to report that there were two concrete blocks which could be seen from the south shore, halfway between Creeksea and Black Point.

**Decision:** As part of the ongoing strategy, the matter will be put to Harbour Plaque Users later this year. Once the Authority have collated all the information and it has been further discussed at an Authority meeting the Authority will report back in due course.

**Action Items:**

1. To take the necessary steps to go out to consultation later in the year.
2. Harbour Master to investigate the concrete blocks.

**To be Actioned by:** Edwin Buckley & Susan Harrison

**All in Favour:**

55 Any Other Business:

There being no further business the meeting concluded at 8.10p.m.