

Minutes of Kyson (River Deben) Fairways Committee Annual Public Meeting held at 1930 hours on Friday 5 April 2019 at Woodbridge Cruising Club.

Present: S Copsey (Chairman), D Westwood (Moorings Secretary), A Fitzgerald (Treasurer), C Wythe, H Ryan, M Ellis, R Whittle, C Cobb, R Menear, T Grundy, A Murray, P Brilliant, M Hodd, M Carroll (Minutes Secretary) and 3 members of the Public: M Roberts, G Wyld, N Gordie.

1. Apologies for absence: A Slim, J Symes, R Guthrie.
2. Minutes of previous APM: Agreed as a true record.
3. Matters arising: There were no matters arising that would not be covered in the following reports.
4. Chairman's report: Steve reported that last year had been 'interesting' with the problem of the proposed Saltmarsh works at Kyson Point. Long term management of the project was deemed unacceptable and ill thought out and the project has been abandoned for now. Further proposals have not been forthcoming to date. Discussions with Woodbridge Town Council regarding future use of the Town Quay have resulted in a 'Memorandum of Understanding'. WTC are paying the legal costs and the Crown Commissioners wanted us to assign over the portion of land in question. It is understood that agreement has been reached to allow Fairways mooring holders the right to pick up and drop off supplies and passengers from their yachts and for dinghies to be moored to the quay for one tide. It remains to be seen if the upcoming Town Council elections will make any difference to the plans. Steve has now done 4 years as Chairman and is standing down; Alan Murray has volunteered to take over as Chairman and has served on the committee for the last 3 years.
5. Treasurer's report: Andrew reported that the bank is down by almost £3000 but this is due to paying the Crown a few days before the due date for January to June's rent. Expenses are up by almost £2000 due to maintenance costs of £900 and a new buoy (£916) at Troublesome Reach. As for 2019 we should be £2000 better off as there are no planned maintenance works. Mooring fees in advance are down by £1600 so it is possible that this year's income will be down.
6. Mooring secretary's report: David reported that 109 moorings had been paid for, down on last year and 62 moorings are empty. 18 of the 27 moorings on the Knoll have been paid for and 7 are empty. There is no-one on the waiting list. A new red can, named 'Loders' has been placed at Troublesome Reach and a Trinity House inspection has been passed successfully. Tam Grundy pointed out that moorings must still be maintained by the holders even if the mooring is unoccupied. Someone asked if the moorings could be spaced out a bit more if there are vacant moorings, this would allow us to take larger sized yachts but depth restrictions would still be an issue. Visitor moorings were not an option due to liability issues. The moorings take up situation needs to be addressed at future committee meetings. Licence fees are compatible with other providers in the area and the drop off in take up seems to be a national trend.

7. Election of new Chairman: Steve introduced Alan Murray who said he was happy to take over as Chairman, he would be glad to help in any way and has a good working knowledge of committee work. He lives locally in Melton and will give his contact details to all members of the committee and be happy to talk to members to discuss matters. Alan thanked Steve for all his work over the last 4 years and Steve confirmed that he would like to stay on the committee and will be keeping his boat on his mooring. Alan Murray was proposed and seconded and voted unanimously into office.
  
8. Any other business: David reported that, due to new ownership, it is no longer possible to keep the Fairway's launch at Methersgate and we are now paying to moor it at Everson's boatyard. It was suggested that maybe the Harbourmaster at the Town Quay would like to share use of the launch in exchange for mooring but that is something for the future. The matter should be discussed at the next committee meeting. Steve said that WTC want footfall at the Tidemill and are proposing a jetty with ferry service to Sutton Hoo and other plans to boost tourism on the waterfront. WTC is also keen to unite all the clubs and river users' organisations. Steve finished by saying that he had very much enjoyed being Chairman but he felt that a couple more people were needed to join the committee. The 3 person sub-committee had worked well, more volunteers needed! Steve closed the meeting at 2002 hours. The date of the next APM will be decided at the next committee meeting.