

WOOTTON CREEK FAIRWAY ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Committee Meeting

held on Tuesday 5th March 2024 - at 19:00 at the Royal Victoria Yacht Club.

Present: Roger Sutton (Chairman) | Carol de Peyer (Secretary) | Ian Hammonds (Vice Chair) | Dave Moore | Sarah Talbot | Jill Traill (Asst. Secretary) | Mike Tredwell (Treasurer) | Mark Way.
Alice Macnab: Minutes

Item		Action.
1	Apologies for Absence Jason Lawrence Adrian Robson Steve Warren-Smith	
2	Minutes of the previous meeting The minutes were discussed, Ian Hammonds proposed acceptance, Dave Moore seconded. All agreed.	
3	Matters arising from the previous meeting	
3.1	See items 9.1 and 9.2 below.	
4	Secretary Report (Carol de Peyer)	
4.1	Carol de Peyer reports AGM papers have been produced and sent, with great help from Jill Traill. The PC is still causing problems with data corruption and Roger Sutton has arranged for PC support to investigate.	
4.2	The clerk of Wootton Bridge Parish Council, Liz Kingston will be added to the list of recipients of WCFA minutes.	CdP
5	Financial Report and Budget (Mike Tredwell)	
5.1	Expenditure to end Feb 2024 Receipts to end Feb 2024 Bank Balance at end Feb 2024	£ 4,531.00 £ 72.00 £ 36,451.56
5.2	Mike Tredwell reports: "I wrote to and received a reply from Sarah Redrup the County Councillor for Wootton about water testing. (has received a nice reply and hope to invite Sarah to attend meetings from May) I have yet to complete the RYA questionnaire so cannot pay them. (will follow up) The Dinghy Park stickers are ready for collection." Dave Moore will visit supplier to collect them.	MT DM
6	Web Site (Mark Way)	
6.1	Mark Way reports he has added the details of the AGM as well as the Rules and Regulations (but no link to the Rules document until any update is agreed and actioned).	
7	Moorings	
7.1	Roger Sutton advised Nick Moore needed his mooring to be re-laid, which is in-hand.	
7.2	Dave Moore reports he has had two calls from people who enquired about moorings, neither live within the catchment area.	

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8 8.1 (A)	Dinghy Park (David Moore) Nothing to report, dinghy park remains water-logged. Dinghy Park Lease: Nothing to report.	
9 9.1 9.2 9.3	Houseboats Roger Sutton reported a very positive informal visit to the Houseboats, meeting most of the owners/licensees and discussing commercial activity (holiday letting). Following Feb item 9.3 regarding Mr Wareing's planning application in relation to houseboat 'Kayleigh', Dave Moor reports the IOW planners have refused 'Permitted Development'. The officer's opinion considers this request to be 'Operational Development' which contradicts the previous definition of houseboats as chattels classifying them as fixed structures. This could present a serious challenge for WCFA. Dave More will monitor this application in case it goes to appeal. WCFA will notify The Crown. Roger Sutton observed the WCFA committee needs a Houseboats rep.	DM / RS
10 10.1	Police Report (nobody present.) Still unclear which PC might be responsible for the Creek area, Roger Sutton asked Sarah Talbot to mention this at her next Parish Council meeting, if any police rep attends.	ST
11 11.1	WCFA lease from the Crown Roger Sutton reports he will re-schedule Rachel Wylde's next visit. WCFA is still waiting for The Crown solicitor's to issue a draft lease for checking and (potentially) signing.	
12 12.1	AGM This starts at 19:00 and committee members are encouraged to arrive at 18:00. Ian Hammonds and Jill Traill will position themselves 'on the door' to monitor attendance. Carol de Peyer and Bev Sutton will deal with payments and issue receipts. Note: Mike Tredwell reports Richard Rae has agreed to be an auditor and will be added to the ballot on the night.	
13 13.1	Any Other Business Roger Sutton reported several recent informal approaches from local residents asking about perceived 'mess' at the boat yard. He advises the new owner and manager appear to be working hard to clear the area of old material, breaking up old boats, however this task is weather dependant. They hope the yard to be clear and operational by the Summer.	
14	Date of Next Meeting(s): Tuesday 9 th April 2024 NOTE: postponed by one week to accommodate AGM and Easter. AGM Wednesday 27 th March 2024 Meeting closed at: 20:19	