

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE SEVERN HAM COMMITTEE
HELD ON 28th APRIL 2016

Present: Councillor P J Aldridge (Chairman)

Independent Members: Mr T Perry

Clerk: Major M G Wilson

1. Apologies

Councillors J Badham, Miss K Brennan, Ms C Corsie, Ms A Swanson, Mr A Purkiss and Mr J Lucas.

2. Declarations of Interest

None.

3. Dispensations

None

4. Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th February 2016 were agreed as a true record.

5. Update on Work to the Abbey Mill Sluice

Councillor Aldridge updated the Committee on preparations for the work to the Abbey Mill Sluice. The Environment Agency would keep the Committee informed on progress.

6. Sale of the 2016 Mowing Grass

Major Wilson informed the Committee that the auction of the 2016 mowing grass would be held in the Town Hall on Tuesday, 12th May 2016. Lots 1 and 3 would not be sold this year as they would be harvested as part of a program to improve floristic diversity.

7. Schedule of Work to Reinstate the Bund

Councillor Aldridge and the Town Clerk would draw up a specification for invitations to tender for the work towards reinstatement of the bund.

8. Long Term Legacy of the Ham

The Working Group had met on 27th April 2016. A copy of the minutes of that meeting is attached.

9. Summary of Recent Activity

Ms Corsie had previously circulated a summary of recent activity on the Ham. Copy attached.

10. Security of the Ham

The Committee had received reports of sheep being allowed to graze on the Ham outside of the grazing season. It was agreed the padlock on the gates between Healings Mill and the Ham would be replaced by a combination padlock. The combination would be held by the Chair of the Severn Ham Committee and the Town Hall staff. The combination would be made known to the grazier and purchasers of the mowing grass and changed at the end of the grazing and grass cutting seasons. The Clerk would ensure the keys to the gates at the Quay Street entry to Healings Mill still fitted the padlock.

The meeting closed at 10.00 a.m.