

**TEWKESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
SEVERN HAM COMMITTEE
THURSDAY 16th NOVEMBER 2017
Meeting started at 09:00 AM**

MINUTES


Present: Cllr P. Aldridge (PA – Chair), Cllr C. Danter, Cllr J. Raywood,
Mr A. Purkiss, Ms C. Corsie, Mr J. Lucas, Mr. M. Cluley

Observer: Cllr. S. Raywood

Invitee attended: Mr. Rob Danter

Note: 10.30am Mr. M. Cluley left.

Item No.	Item	Action
1.	Apologies Cllr. P. Clatworthy, Mr T. Perry Ms. A. Swanson, Ms C. Beeching – Advisers to the Committee	
2.	To receive declarations of interest None.	
3.	To receive dispensations None.	
4.	To agree the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 12th October 2017 The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th October 2017 were accepted.	
5.	To receive a Budget Report The Budget Report was discussed and received. i) Pending report – this was a request for details of transactions in process ii) Number the pages – this was a request to aid navigation through the report.	
6.	Budget Planning for 2018/19 The Committee agreed the budget figures for 2018/19.	

7.	To receive Chairman's Update Cllr. Aldridge gave a report. The bund is finished and working well. Coppice has reduced anti-social behaviour. Leaks on the Ham have now stopped and Severn Trent & Dalcour Mclain have left the site very tidy. The Committee were shown photos of the site.	
8.	To receive an update on Cross Compliance Solutions The information is almost up-to-date and the Clerk has a copy of the file in the Town Council Office. S. Pearman must provide data in the form of movement papers. The Chairman will be contacted before any payments are made. This will be written into the Grazing Agreement. In future the grazer will not be allowed on the site before movement papers have been lodged with the Town Council.	
9.	To receive an update from Mr M. Cluley on the Environment Agency (EA) and Severn Trent (ST) Works Mr M. Cluley gave a report. Western Power changed 4 poles. Three hundred and sixteen pounds compensation for Tewkesbury Town Council. Severn Trent reported there were leaks in Spring - £411 compensation for loss of Hay Income. Raised wet spots again with Severn Trent. Environment Agency reinstatement may need further work. Caroline Corsie suggested further seeding will be required. The Clerk to let Mr M. Cluley know when the Basic Payment arrives and to forward to him for checking (Remittance Slip).	The Clerk
10.	To receive an update from Caroline Corsie, Conservation Advisor The Committee received the attached report from Caroline Corsie, the Council's Conservation Advisor. Caroline Corsie has contacted a hydrologist with a view to getting costs for a hydrology status report of the Ham, will be passed for EA.	
11.	To discuss requests for access by the Fisheries Protection Officer of the EA The Clerk read out an email from Sean Kelly requesting to use a landrover on the Ham to catch offenders putting up signs. The overall decision was to deny the request and suggest that the site should be accessed by boat, with a landrover at each of the two entrances to the Ham, because of the potential to cause damage to the sward and disturb endangered species. We do not give	



	<p>permission to the Fisheries Protection Officer to bring vehicles onto the Ham.</p> <p>Cllr Aldridge requested a map of peg sites used by fishermen from Mr. Danter.</p>	
12.	<p>To discuss the long-term legacy of the Ham</p> <p>One meeting has taken place on 16th October 2017 and further meetings are planned. Future proofing will continue to appear on agenda; change layout. It was requested that the Committee Minutes should appear in table format, with names of appropriate people in the action column, as shown, for example in Item 9.</p>	

The meeting ended at 11.09am

PS Aldridge
9/1/18.

PSH

Notes from Caroline Corsie (CC) for Severn Ham Meeting on October 12th 2017

1. Cross Compliance Records Folder

- met with Cross Compliance Solutions Ltd and provided with relevant records/agreements e.g. Mowing Agreement, Livestock numbers, NVZ, soil risk assessment etc, to update our Cross Compliance records folder. The folder then holds the necessary data in the event of a Rural Payments Agency (RPA) inspection.
- It is TTC's responsibility in receipt of the Basic Payment Scheme and HLS to have these records available. As long as records are complete, Cross Compliance Solutions Ltd will be present at an inspection and guarantee a pass

2. Higher Level Stewardship

- Payment received (£16,549.12)
- Have researched and had approval from Alisa Swanson regarding seed mixes to be supplied by Emorsgate for restoration work (STW/WMP).

3. Hay Restoration project

- Underway, and plot 3 is being scarified and sown with (year old) Burley Dene SSSI seed mix.
- If time allows, hay from Burley Dene SSSI will be spread on plot 1 (which was sown last year).
- Docks: CC and Tim Perry met on site and discussed issues.
 - CC recommending that NE approve a broad spray of around 60% of the Southern half of the site in 2018 and patch treating on the north. CC investigating the potential to integrate new technology i.e. drone mapping of docks and curlew territories to ensure precision spraying
- Engaging with Emorsgate Wild Seeds regarding a bespoke seed mix to generally enhance core areas on the sight (which would compliment green hay/ brush harvesting)

4. Severn Trent / West Midlands Power / Environment Agency

- Liaising with Mike Cluley regarding necessary restoration work (STW/WMP).
- Liaising with potential contractors regarding restoration work (STW/WMP)

5. Severn Rivers Trust: Attended feedback meeting organised by Severn Rivers Trust and largely attended by Anglers. Positive reporting regarding Twait Chad project which they hope will run again next year.

6. Bank side Erosion

- Erosion of the edge of The Severn Ham flanking the river to the south of the large weir / a notice has been placed on TTC website. Any other actions required?

7. Future Proofing of the Severn Ham

Meeting organised for Monday October 16th 13.30 – 15.00 hrs

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