

MINUTES
of the
**Moorings Committee meeting held on 18th June 2024 at 12.30pm in the Town Hall,
Tewkesbury**

Present: Cllrs C Danter (Chair), H Bowman, S Raywood, M Dimond-Brown

In attendance: D Hill (Town Clerk), K Chambers (Admin Assistant), Cllr P Jones, three members of the public

M24.001 **Receive apologies for absence**
None

M24.002 **Receive declarations of interest**
None

M24.003 **Receive dispensations**
Cllrs Bowman and Dimond-Brown – Tewkesbury Borough Councillors

M24.004 **Matters arising from the Buildings and Moorings meeting 5th March 2024 – for information only**
None

M24.005 **Receive correspondence relating to the Moorings Committee**
None

M24.006 **Public Participation**
A member of the public queried the time of the meeting. In addition, the scope and purpose stated on the website.
Action taken by admin assistant to update the website.
They also questioned the need for a working group and asked for more information about item 24.014.

A second member of the public read out a statement as follows and asked that the committee remember to include other parties in Moorings planning:

I was not at the meeting where the decision to separate Buildings and Moorings was taken so I am unsure just what justification was given and accepted.

Clearly there was an acknowledged potential for a conflict of interest regarding moorings matters with the Clerk being the officer for minutes but that hardly justifies the change.

More importantly perhaps is the inattention paid to moorings and the larger riverside as a result of the attention buildings were enjoying. Understandable as that might be. The consequence was very obvious in the lack of any commonly discussed

and agreed objectives both short and long term, tactical and strategic. To remedy this is the main justification for such a split, in our view and, hopefully, yours?.

Maintenance was/is largely dealt with by the Clerk and Staff and that included a very sensible opportunistic application by Debbie for fence and other improvements under the HSHAZ programme. The committee was not really involved.

So, in the view of the Civic Society there is now the opportunity for this dedicated committee to take a more holistic view of the very important riverside asset we have, not confined to moorings alone. To this end we offer our thoughts in the attached document which is part of our website, that includes a number of specific opportunity suggestions as well as more strategic thoughts.

We would like the opportunity to discuss these with the committee at its initial meeting or at a convened working group meeting so will formally request this?

M24.007 Review the budget report and earmarked reserves report

The budget and earmarked reserves reports were reviewed. It was clarified by the Town Clerk that the £9,355 HAZ income related to improvement works at St Mary's Lane mooring.

Action taken by the Town Clerk to clarify what the £90 maintenance figure relates to on the budget report

M24.008 Review and agree Avon Navigation Trust moorings income and payback arrangement in respect of 2022 and 2023

It was RESOLVED to invoice ANT for two payments of £1,200 – in respect of 2022 and 2023. Proposed by Cllr Raywood, seconded by Cllr Dimond-Brown

M24.009 Agree moorings section priorities and agree actions to be included on the work programme on the following mooring areas:

- a **Healings Mill bridge to the village green**
 - i. **Lock side**
 - ii **Red Lane side**
- b **Healings Mill bridge to green bridge**
- c **Green bridge to end of commercial moorings**
- d **Priors Court**
- e **St Mary's Lane car park**
- f **St Mary's Road**
- g **Jetty**

Moorings sections agreed and it was also decided that the detail would be covered a working group forum due to time restraints.

It was agreed that the purpose, understanding, vision, permissions required, cost and in turn the actions would need to be considered. It was mooted that the Civic Society's document be used to support this work and help prioritise and also that St Mary's Lane and Priors Court moorings would likely be the initial focus

M24.010 Discuss and decide whether to have a topographical survey carried out on all moorings

Discussed and agreed to have topographical surveys done pending quotes for providing this service

Cllr Dimond-Brown left the meeting

Action - Town Clerk to obtain costings for these and consider other surveys which may be useful. Proposed by Cllr Raywood, seconded by Cllr Jones

Cllr Dimond-Brown returned to the meeting

M24.011 Confirm process for issuing future mooring licences

Discussed how larger boats can cause damage to the moorings structure. Town Clerk confirmed there are currently no moorings available, so this is not an issue

M24.012 Consider the request from Tewkesbury Civic Society to provide input into a future moorings working group meeting

It was agreed that the Council should seek input from all stakeholders, including the Civic Society. It was proposed that a workshop be arranged and run by a facilitator in September time. A planning meeting would be needed prior to the workshop to prepare and advertise well in advance

M24.013 Resolve that the press and public are excluded due to the confidential nature of the business under the Public Bodies (Admissions to Meetings Act) 1960 s1. ss2

It was RESOLVED to exclude the press and public. Proposed by Cllr S Raywood, seconded by Cllr Jones

M24.014 Legal matters concerning leases, warrant, etc.

- Discussed progress on the lease for the mooring from Healings Mill bridge to the village green, (lock side)
- The Red Lane lease was discussed
Action for Cllr Raywood to locate original lease
- It was agreed that a warrant be applied for the Priors Court mooring erected without permission. Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bowman

Post meeting note – Action for Town Clerk to confirm amount gifted to ANT by a previous mayor

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14:25

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 23rd July 2024