

MINUTES
of the
Moorings Committee meeting held on 23rd July 2024 at 12.30pm in the Town Hall,
Tewkesbury

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

In attendance: D Hill (Town Clerk), K Chambers (Admin Assistant), one member of the public

M24.015 Receive apologies for absence

None

M24.016 Receive declarations of interest

Cllrs Bowman and Dimond-Brown – Tewkesbury Borough Councillors

M24.017 Receive dispensations

None

M24.018 Approve the minutes of the Moorings Committee meeting held on 18th June 2024

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 18th June. Proposed by Cllr Bowman, seconded by Cllr Dimond-Brown

M24.019 Matters arising from the Moorings meeting 18th June 2024 – for information only

24.006 – Website content - Moorings committee page on website simplified with: 'To oversee the management of the moorings sites along the River Avon'. It was agreed to review the website wording for moorings in the working group

24.007 – Maintenance figure on budget report - £90 maintenance figure relates to pest control

24.010 – Costings for topographical surveys – obtained

24.012 – September workshop – agreed to postpone and arrange once working group have a clear plan

24.014 - Location of lease for Red Lane – ongoing

Town Clerk, Debbie Hill joined the meeting

Re post meeting note - Town Clerk confirmed £3000 was gifted by a previous mayor to ANT

M24.020 Receive correspondence relating to the Moorings Committee

Three pieces of correspondence reviewed:

1. Email from Merchants of Venice

Action - Town Clerk to respond and also ask if they have been mooring a boat on the opposite side of the river adjacent to Red Lane

2. Email from Borough Council regarding the two large bins on Red Lane:

Can I ask you about the moorings along Back of Avon?

We get many complaints from local businesses about the two bins in Red Lane.

I understand that these might be intended for use by the boaters who have mooring rights but as you can see, they're abused by others.

Can you let me know if these bins are for the boats? If so one thought I'd had was that Ubico can provide lockable bins instead, and moorings rentals could include access to the code.

I'd be interested to know your thoughts.

Action – Admin assistant to reply confirming that the Town Council believe the bins were installed for use by the occupiers of the moorings. And to support their suggestion to install lockable bins.

3. Email from resident regarding the access for paddle boards and canoes at the Jetty mooring by Abbey Mill
Reviewed and it was agreed to discuss at the working group

M24.021 Public Participation

None

M24.022 Approve payments to be made

It was RESOLVED to approve payments totalling £36,585.46. Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Danter

M24.023 Review future mooring meetings dates

Reviewed with no changes made to scheduled meeting plan

M24.024 Review costings for topographical reports to be carried out and agree whether the work should be undertaken

Reviewed and discussed that the information would be taken away and considered alongside a priority list to be created in the working group.

Action – councillors to agree a date for week commencing 29th July to meet as working group. Admin assistant to email and arrange.

M24.025 Consider other surveys available on the moorings

Item deferred

M24.026 Discuss the current state of the moorings and agree the way forward

Cllr Danter gave an overview of the current state of each of the moorings – agreed that the working group would use the detail as a basis for further discussions. It was also agreed that a vision of what the Town Council are trying to achieve would be considered to ensure that work is done in a logical manner.

M24.027 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 Jones, seconded by Cllr Raywood

M24.028 Legal matters concerning – leases, warrant

The lease to Avon Navigation Trust is progressing. The Town Clerk advised that she is awaiting the draft lease from Thomson & Bancks.

The Town Clerk advised that Thomson & Bancks will be engaged to act for the Town Council in obtaining a warrant for the removal of the structure adjacent to the moorings area at Priors Court.

Action – Red Lane original lease to be located

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 2.15pm

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 17th September 2024