

MINUTES
of the
**Moorings Committee meeting held on 22nd October 2024 at 12.30pm in the Town Hall,
Tewkesbury**

Present: Cllrs C Danter (Chair), H Bowman, P Jones

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

M24.045 **Receive apologies for absence**
Cllr S Raywood – work commitments

M24.046 **Receive declarations of interest**
None

M24.047 **Receive dispensations**
None

M24.048 **Approve the minutes of the Moorings Committee meeting held on 17th September 2024**

It was RESOLVED to approve the minutes of the meeting held on 17th September.
Proposed by Cllr Jones, seconded by Cllr Bowman

M24.049 **Matters arising from the Moorings meeting 17th September – for information only**

24.034 – Email from member of the public regarding moorings expenditure

Admin assistant confirmed she has replied – advising that the Town Council incurred one off expenditure relating to the installation of new railings at Priors Court and St Mary's Lane and for repairs to the wall at the Back of Avon. Most of this expenditure was covered by grant income, however the accounting relating to the works and the grant income was split over two financial years

24.042 – Letter to GK Engineering

Admin assistant confirmed she has sent the letter, and the recipient has confirmed receipt

24.020 – Bins on Red Lane

The Borough Council are now liaising with boat owners who use the bin directly. A bin with a combination padlock has been installed.

The Town Clerk joined the meeting

M24.050 **Receive correspondence relating to the Moorings Committee**

1. An email from a member of the public was reviewed:

I was last in contact with you in July regarding the half-sunken boat in the Mill Avon by the St Mary's Lane car park, which I believe has been there since the floods in January 2024. I have contacted the Avon Navigation Trust who insist that it's not something they can assist with despite it being a hazard to navigation (in my opinion).

Is the removal of this eyesore for residents and visitors the town something the town council can action, or if not, who will be you be informing? The Environment Agency perhaps? I'm sure if I was to tip my broken down fridge into the river, or roll into the water a derelict car off my drive, you as the council would have something to say about it.

Why won't you action anything about this boat?

Discussed.

Action – admin assistant to contact the owner of the mooring and respond to the member of the public to advise them this is being done

2. Email response from Avon Navigation Trust – Cllr Danter to discuss required actions with the admin assistant
3. Email from GK Engineering – regarding a boat moored at the Back of Avon which required securing following the current flooding. The Town Council confirmed the owner has paid one month mooring fee and that the boat is insured and licenced. A pole has been damaged at the Back of Avon.

M24.051 Public Participation

One member of the public asked about the long term plan for the moorings. Also, for feedback on the ideas the Civic Society put forward previously. The Town Clerk confirmed that the Town Council has applied to register the slipway

M24.052 To receive the budget report and earmarked reserves report

Reviewed – the Town Clerk suggested earmarked reserves in 322 (Moorings – Prior Court) be moved under Moorings Project (349). This will be added to the next agenda to be discussed.

M24.053 To consider budgetary requirements for the year 2025-2026 and the forward budget

Considered – discussed whether a stipend for a watchman at the moorings would be sensible in the short term. Also, the possibility that an emergency fund is required, and that projects expenditure may need to significantly increase. In addition, the Town Council may need advice on what size boats should moor there going forward.

M24.054 To approve the payments list

No payments list to approve

M24.055 To review the feedback from Moorings Working Group meeting held on 8th October 2024 and discuss/agree actions

The admin assistant advised that the Moorings work programme was discussed (see following agenda item)

M24.056 To review, update and agree next steps on the Moorings Working Programme
Reviewed and document updated

Action – admin assistant and Town Clerk to locate previous surveys carried out

M24.057 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

M24.058 Update from Town Clerk regarding the lease to Avon Navigation Trust and ongoing legal matters

1. Warrant for removal of structure adjacent to the moorings area at Priors Court – Town Clerk has a meeting with Thomson and Bancks on 30th October to provide them with detailed instruction and requirements
2. Lease to Avon Navigation Trust – Town Clerk provided an update
3. Red Lane lease – no full copy has been located. The Town Clerk has contacted the solicitors who acted at the time to ascertain whether they hold an original - she awaits a response

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 14.29

Signature of Chairman upon approval of the minutes 19th November 2024