

**East Donyland Parish Council**  
Maintenance Committee Meeting - 23 February 2022  
At St Lawrence School starting at 7pm

**MINUTES**

**Present:** Cllrs Brett, Clay, Crouchman and Oskis. Assistant Clerk Small

**032/21 To receive & accept apologies from members.** Apologies from Cllr Pettitt due to a family bereavement, accepted.

**033/21 To minute disclosable pecuniary & non-pecuniary interest of members:** JB PI for 040/21 and NC PI for 039/21

**034/21 To approve the minutes of the meeting held 20 October 2021– attached.** JB proposed the minutes are correct, DC 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed

**035/21 Public forum - to receive information or queries from members of the public relevant to Maintenance Committee business.** None in attendance

**036/21 To receive a report from the Water Bailiff Julian Brett:** JB read the report and highlighted the following: JB is organising a clear up of the Ferry Hard in Spring. Lion Quay Jetty appears to be listing and needs to be surveyed. He said we may need to get a professional survey done but, in the interim, has asked Dave Boughton to look at it. He will bring the findings/issues to the next meeting. Re point 2.2, to investigate getting the river dredged, JB said we will need the correct paperwork and possibly contact environmental Agency, MMO. JB to action. Point 2.4. JB has agreed that a yacht owner can moor at Lion Quay for 3 months but review situation every 28 days.

**037/21 To receive a report from the Footpath Rep Julian Brett:** JB read out the report. JB said the advert for this role is still due to be put out and he will put together some words for the advert. YO said she noticed there are cracks in the tarmac at Footpath 28. **AP Asst/Clerk to notify ECC**

**038/21 To receive an update on maintenance issues in Rowhedge & actions from it.** See 043/21

**039/21 To receive a request from RCRC to extend their pontoon to the ferry hard.** DC proposed to accept this request, JB 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed.

**040/21 To confirm the mooring charges for 2022/23.** JB left the room. DC proposed to keep the charges the same, NC 2<sup>nd</sup> all agreed. JB returned to the meeting.

**041/21 To discuss & agree necessary tree work within the village including the planning permission necessary for the Holme Oak on Lion Quay.** GG Beecroft has quoted for 3 jobs, the Holm Oak on Lion Quay, Cherry Trees near the village Hall and Lime Tree on the Rec. The committee agreed that the Holm Oak was the most urgent. JB proposed that the Holm Oak should be dealt with first, NC 2<sup>nd</sup> -all agreed. NC said she thought that we should obtain further quotes for the Cherry Trees and the Lime Tree. JB asked about planning permission. The assistant Clerk said that GG Beecroft will do this. AP Assistant Clerk to check if this is possible or is this work part of the contracted work assigned to GG Beecroft.

**042/21 To identify maintenance issues in the play area and on the rec & decide a budget for.**

**the necessary repairs.** JB to look at the gate noted in the playground report noted as high risk. If JB is unable to fix it, to put it on the Full Council Agenda for March, due to the cost of purchasing a new gate of £1,000.00

**043/21 To review the updated Action List pertinent to the Maintenance Committee – attached**

JB went through each item on the action list pertinent to the maintenance committee. JB stated that fencing had blown down in the cemetery and we should get quotes for new fencing. Heath Road Garden clearance. The assistant clerk said she had only one response asking for quotes. The contractor said he would do it for £300 cash. She explained the process and the contractor was happy with this. The other option is to get a skip and ask D Myers to do the work using one of his free days. JB said he had spoken to Cooks Skip Yard, and we would need a large skip, approximate cost is £500 including VAT.

**AP Clerk/asst clerk to obtain quotes for new fencing, contact the contractor to remove rubbish and to update the Action List as agreed.**

**044/21 To note time and date of next meeting- Wednesday 20 April 2022.** DC said due to the Easter holidays, could the Full Council meeting be changed to 21 April 2022 and add the Maintenance Meeting to the end of it. If it isn't possible to have both meetings on the same day, DC suggested the maintenance committee to meet on 27 April 2022.

Meeting closed at

Signed.....

Date.....

## EDPC - Water Bailiff (WB) Report 23/02/2022.

### **1. General Overviews of each area.**

#### **1.1. Pearson's Quay.**

- 1.1.1. New life buoy has been installed – measuring up for signs commencing and should be ordered before end February.

#### **1.2. Ferry Hard.**

- 1.2.1. Boats still look untidy although not as bad and there could be better use of the area. Maybe some finger jetties, to moor on, may help which could also be used by canoeists, which seems to be of growing popularity on the river – ongoing.
- 1.2.2. New tag system will be implemented when renewal happens – TBC from recap of last year's minutes.
- 1.2.3. Trying to pull together owners of vessels using the Ferry Hard to have a tidy up in spring.

#### **1.3. Lion Quay/Jetty.**

- 1.3.1. New life buoy has been installed as on Pearson's quay.
- 1.3.2. The jetty appears to be listing with the side of the jetty further from the bank tilting downwards. I haven't had a chance to inspect it properly but there might be something loose or a leak in one of the buoyancy tanks. It needs further investigation and might need a professional survey. The last one was done in 2014 I believe but need to check and one was recommended 10 years later so not that far off.
- 1.3.3. The railings of the gangway are showing further signs of corrosion where the paint has been worn away and require re-painting (as a minimum to the corroded area).

### **2. General Comments/Suggestions.**

- 2.1. Still thinking of a way to make payment easier for mooring fees and to introduce a way of paying electronically with a more voluntary system of payment, rather than physically going down to collect payment.
- 2.2. There has been interest from the Thames Barge Trust who would like to sail to Rowhedge more often. It would be good to resurrect the idea of flattening out the riverbed by Lion's Quay.
- 2.3. I am renewing an entry in the East Coast Pilot ( <http://www.eastcoastpilot.com/> ) – a book and online resource giving local information on the navigation and facilities at local coastal rivers and moorings. They are keen for an update on Rowhedge as it has been neglected for many years. Interest still shown by local pubs and local residents and sailors.
- 2.4. One yacht owner has asked if he can moor against Lion Quay for maybe 3 months TBC. Paying £70 for 28 days. It could amount to £210 for 3 months, remembering these are winter months.

This ends the report.

Julian Brett (WB).

## EDPC Footpath Officer Feb 2022 Report.

- There have been some red alerts for storms and high winds followed up by some yellow alerts.
- As we would expect there were many fallen trees.
- Along FP 30 there were at least 3 large trees down.
- Along the footpath which runs parallel to wharf road (not a PROW) there were at least 6 large trees down which had completely blocked the footpath. Would like to apply for this to become a PROW
- I was out with some local residents on Saturday morning after the storm, clearing the fallen trees and as far as I am aware the footpaths are now all clear.
- As we know the PROW 127 (137 Colchester) is possibly going to be reopened with a diversion in place a C-Trucks who were renting the land from CBC are no longer in business. No further information at present.
- Jason Bottello is no longer the ECC Footpaths Officer for our area. I have asked for the new contact and he has declined to offer that information at the moment as the new Officer will be contacting us I due course.
- I am still looking for a replacement for myself and looking to put some text together for and 'advert' to put out.
- Just a reminder about the England Coast Path, a new National Trail around all of England's coast of which FP's 30, 25,24,26, 27 and 28 are part of. The 'Coastal Margin' will allow new rights of way to the water, any land between the path and the sea will have public right of way.

