

Kyson (River Deben) Fairways Committee.

Minutes of Annual Public Meeting held on Friday 6 April 2018 at 7pm at Woodbridge Cruising Club.

Present: S Copsey, Chairman; D Westwood, Moorings Secretary; A Fitzgerald, Treasurer; M Carroll, Minutes Secretary; P King, C Cobb, R Mennear, H Ryan, J Symes, M Ellis, A James, A Murray, C Wythe and 7 members of the public.

1. Apologies: G Holdcroft, R Guthrie, P Brilliant.
2. Chairman's Report: SC welcomed everyone to the meeting. Last year was the first season of our moorings on the Knoll, new buoys had been placed as previously agreed and he hoped that the Knoll mooring holders were satisfied. Last season was the best year he could remember on the river and now the weather is beginning to warm up a bit for this season. There were no major problems to report regarding repairs, new buoys etc. There is a silting problem at Kyson Point and he asked the members to look out for any problems they encountered. The mooring fees penalty imposed for late payments had improved prompt payments. SC said that the cash reserves were good.
3. Treasurer's report: See attached sheet. AF reported that the finances were very stable and reserves had been increased. The Crown Lease agreement requires payment only for occupied moorings. 2017 had seen minimum maintenance payments allowing an increase in reserves. SC proposed a vote of thanks to the Treasurer.
4. Mooring Secretary's report: DW reported that all mooring offers were out and there are about 40 vacant moorings, all drying, and maybe 1 deep water mooring that may be available.
5. AOB: The holder of mooring number 183 said that the moorings fore and aft of his appeared to be a bit close together and as several were not used, was it possible to remove one or more? The area in question is only for small craft. The holder of mooring 68 asked if buoys were to be added in Troublesome Reach or just moved. SC replied that the matter would be looked at in the next 2-3 weeks but there is no short term fix. The main problem with silting seems to be at Kyson near the boathouse where several boats had run aground. We will monitor the situation this year with a view to dealing with it next season. SC will ask Tam Grundy for his thoughts and advice on the matter. The question was asked if dredging could be undertaken and perhaps an aerial survey. SC said that costs for either of these options would run into the thousands of £. Drone camera photos of the river could be considered but SC said this difficult question may have to be discussed next year.

SC highlighted the problem of access to the river for mooring holder's dinghies; as Woodbridge becomes larger and more popular car parks are full and launching difficult. Car parking charges are also expensive and the town survives on the river and boats play a big part. Maybe anyone with the ear of a local councillor could lobby on this subject.

There is an open day at the Long Shed on the Quay on 21 April. SC wished everyone a good season. The meeting closed at 1930 and the date and venue of the next APM will be advised in due course.