



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the committee meeting held on Friday 12th July 2024
at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Chris Brown - Commodore, Jim Hopwood – Secretary, Carl Sharman, Alan Morrison, Debs Boles, Keith Guy-Gibbens, Simon Lovelock, Barry Andrew and Dave Waters, Neil Howarth by Zoom.
2. Apologies for Absence: Adrian Lumb, Adrian Barnes
3. Minutes of the last meeting. **May minutes approved**, there was no meeting in June.
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a) **All pontoon spaces to be available to visitors and members, rafting encouraged.**
 - b) **Jetty to be used for Loading / unloading.**
 - c) **“Visitors Welcome” sign to be put on pontoon.**
5. Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a) Agreed future meetings to be on **Thursday evenings**.
 - b) Information Commissioner’s Office renewal fee paid.
 - i) GDPR reminder attached. Please use the master database in ClubConnect. Do not save copies on your computer or make paper copies.
 - ii) **Adrian Barnes to be asked to provide training on use of ClubConnect.**
6. Treasurer – Ade Lumb
 - a) Accounts all in order with no outstanding bills or invoices
 - b) Has a check been done to ensure all boats on moorings, in the compound / hard and boathouse to see that everyone has paid? I know Adrian sent out lists. (Alan & I have been monitoring boats extended stay on hard.)
7. **Toilet / shower block process.**
 - a) Ecology report was required for planning permission. (Cost £606)
 - b) Planning permission submitted 17/06.24 (Cost £293)
 - c) Estimate 8-week processing time. Please be particularly mindful of our activities during this time in the spotlight.
 - d) Other issues
 - i) Chris to talk to Mick Smith.
8. Membership – Adrian Barnes
 - a) I have a couple of membership applications looking for interviews and I have one that was original couched as boat storage, but that person would now like membership, although he stated, for a year.

9. Bosun – Simon Lovelock:

- a) The red tractor failed to start - starter motor removed & tested, leads and earth points cleaned & tightened - issue resolved.
- b) The refurbishment of the four wheel trailer (ex Brian Cornillius) as a club light duty workboat trailer by George Lovelock (Gold DoE Project) is progressing well.
- c) The clubs latest Hayter mower was recently used, put away and found to be broken when next required. A new ignition coil has the mower working again but the drive belt was also found to be knackered !
- d) A donated strimmer was also used and left as broken in the bosun's store – again fiddled with and working again.
- e) The fuel locker was recently replenished with Diesel & Petrol – a quantity of fuel was subsequently found to be missing and unaccounted for, and the locker padlock not replaced.
- f) Following the above three incidents I've replaced the bosun's store key lock with a resettable combination padlock – preventing further unauthorized access to club equipment. The fuel locker keys have also been relocated to the key locker in the bosuns office.
- g) Club tender Rascal II has been holed and the forward bench seat broken in an incident involving club members – exactly how this occurred and the damage to the tender is to be assessed.
 - i) Agreed to put the club boats on the maintenance schedule.
 - ii) **Life jackets to be mandatory in club boats.**
- h) Planning work party to clear space and set out blocks for new toilet block.**
- i) Damaged mooring buoys to be repaired and moved to store.**

10. Pound –Barry Andrew

- a) There are 5 or 6 spaces available in the pound.

11. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:

- a) All good pontoon wise.
- b) **Chris to talk to Ian Round re use of pontoon.**

12. Maintenance and Club House – Alan Morrison

- a) Scrap metal including Pete Butt's trailer in the compound has been picked up on a free of charge basis, by a contact of Keith Pratt.
- b) We have now completed the repair of the blue tractor shed. The broken concrete panels have been replaced with wooden decking panels. All electric cables have been removed and will now need an extension cable for the battery charging of the tractor.
- c) Most of the long railway sleepers have now been cut into short sections relaxing manual handling.
- d) Negotiating possible sale of Ete. **Agreed target price £8000 as is, £10000 if refurbished.**
- e) Scrap decking from Seashells bought for new toilet project.

13. Sailing Events – Debs Boles:

- a) Pursuit races / get afloat day going well. Next scheduled for sept 7th, We were hoping to reschedule this if possible. However only possible dates are sat 24th August 1500 or the first weekend in October, which is perhaps a bit late in the season.
- b) SWSA RTI unfortunately was postponed due to a lack of wind. Had a team from Ashlett with a lot of enthusiasm from all, so very disappointing. There is an intention to run it on a

different day but that has yet to be decided. Hopefully we could add to the team of Ashlett boats if so.

- c) New list of courses from Jolly Roger on the notice board.

14. Creek – Carl Sharman:

- a) The harbour master had returned our starboard no 7 buoy; chain badly corroded; I will be looking for some help to put new buoys back into position.

15. Regatta

- a) Agreed program as last year.
- b) Children under 15 to be half price.
- c) Volunteers identified for events.

16. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:

- a) No spare moorings. No progress on refurbishment of redundant moorings, hope to start work soon

17. Boat House – Neil Howarth:

- a) **Club kayak to be labelled and availability announced.**

18. AOB

19. Future meetings: 8th August, 12th September, 10th October, 14th November, 12th December.