



Ashlett Sailing Club



Minutes of the committee meeting held on
Thursday 26th September 2024
at 7 pm in the Clubhouse.

1. Present: Chris Brown - Commodore, Jim Hopwood – Secretary, Adrian Lumb – Treasurer, Carl Sharman, Alan Morrison, Debs Boles, Simon Lovelock, Dave Waters and Neil Howarth by TEAMS.
2. Apologies for Absence: Barry Andrew, Adrian Barnes, Keith Guy Gibbens
3. Minutes of the last meeting.
4. Commodore – Chris Brown:
 - a) Ete now belongs to the club. **Agreed to be cleaned up and sold.**
 - b) Higher fees for unused boats to be proposed at the agm.
5. Secretary – Jim Hopwood:
 - a) AGM Saturday 9th November (HW 1621)
 - i) Notice given 4 weeks before (12 October).
 - ii) Nominations and motions due 2 weeks before (26 October).
 - iii) Agenda, accounts and annual report circulated by 1 week before (2 November).
 - b) Annual report contributions by 14 October please.
6. Treasurer – Ade Lumb
 - a) Regatta boat Jumble raised £93 on 10% commission and donated jumble. Thanks, Carl, for his efforts.
 - b) The income from lunch, tea, cakes and raffle, less regatta prizes, evening band & raffle prizes gave a positive balance of £130 Well done to Alan, Jakie & team.
 - c) The hog roast almost broke even with children being subsidised by the club. Well done to Karan & her team. Not an easy task with people leaving buying their tickets until the last minute.
 - d) Thinking ahead to the AGM:
 - i) I recommend club fees to be raised by 4% at renewals next year to keep up with inflation and to continue to help fund further developments of the club. **Agreed.**
 - ii) I suggest that we review the “family” joining fee currently at £255 verses Single joining fee of £150. (Annual membership fee family £145 and single £90) I feel this would put off couples from becoming family members. I suggest just one joining fee of £150 for single or family, keeping the annual membership as is. (i.e., family £145 and single £90) **Agreed.**

7. Toilet / shower block progress – Ade Lumb

- a) Planning approval received 10th August.
- b) Build slot booked for September with New Forest Containers.
- c) Delivery planned for early November 2024
- d) The team are making a start on clearing the area of boats & trailers and starting marking out the site and obtain levels.
- e) The unit will sit on concrete blocks at the same height as the clubhouse.
- f) We have purchased 2 x 500 gal commercial septic tank that will sit under the toilet block at a high above flood level.
- g) We have committed to carrying out the blockwork, plumbing & electrical connections to the unit once delivered and erect the ramp and decking. Request Volunteers. Agreed to ask **Tom Ramsey to check electrics.**
- h) Planning permission covers demolition of the old toilet block and decommissioning the existing septic tank. This has to be carried out within 3 months of the commissioning of the new facility.

8. Membership – Adrian Barnes

- a) I have 2 new members, that are hopefully paid up and a couple more in the system.
- b) I have updated Webcollect so that it recognises anyone paying membership of mooring fees etc after Sept 01 and it now gives 50% discount on those payments.
- c) I will be working on adding the various lift out options to Webcollect so that they are all paid through the system I will do that in conjunction with Ade so that he can give the appropriate codes in order for them to sync with Xero.
- d) I would like an update on Mooring and Compound availability, simply so that I can advise if there are waiting lists. I have been approached by someone with a 30ft long keel. I have suggested that we would not be ideal, especially on a f&a mooring. I have told him to pop down and take a look at low tide,

9. Bosun – Simon Lovelock:

- a) The red tractor + battery lead has been part renewed, alternator replaced and charging wiring checked over – hopefully the poor starting issue has been resolved.
- b) A heavy-duty battery charger has been purchased, as the existing one packed up.
- c) The annual LOLER inspection has been arranged for Monday 7th October AM – so the boat hoist and lifting stops / chains etc will be out of use for this time.
- d) Materials and equipment have been purchased for delivery this week to the compound, in preparation for the support of both the compound office and new shower/toilet block.
- e) Two 500 gal. grey/black water holding tanks have been purchased and delivered to the compound, in preparation for fitting around the supports for the new shower/toilet block.
- f) Propose to get the jet wash serviced at Holbury Tool Hire. **Agreed**

10. Pound –Barry Andrew

- a) I am considering numbering the spaces in the compound by painting numbers on the paving slabs, if agreeable to all. This will be low cost and will basically be a few paving slabs (if we need them as there are a few spares in the compound), paint and stencils. **agreed**
- b) I have moved a few boats around to make space for the toilet block preparations and space is becoming limited and currently I have around 4 spaces free, however, some of these spaces may be used for dinghies in the short term.
- c) Apart from that, all is good in the compound.

11. Pontoon and Slip – Dave Waters:

- a) Great new signs on both, kindly produced and installed by Al
- b) Pontoon all good.
- c) Boats not coming out this year and wish to use the Pontoon for wintering should get in touch with myself for relevant information.
- d) Wintering on the pontoon will commence from the 2nd week of Nov after all boats have been lifted out.
- e) Agreed parking at the pontoon to be strictly deliveries only.

12. Maintenance and Club House – Alan Morrison

- a) Nothing to report this time.
- b) Just gearing up for the winter boat lift out and already had twenty-four requests.

13. Creek – Carl Sharman:

- a) Block lifter used last week but high winds forced a short session, so some planned work was not undertaken.
- b) Will check with dredger company re winter lay-up.

14. Sailing Events – Debs Boles

- a) Pursuit race 5th October. **Agreed to have the usual barbecue.**
- b) SWSA Evening series. Ashlett has retained the trophy for this series.
- c) Yarmouth Race/ rally a resounding success. Four Ashlett boats attended.
- d) Jolly Roger to provide an updated list of courses for Autumn and is proposing to run more combined club courses.

15. Moorings – Keith Guy-Gibbens:

- a) I have assigned two moorings this month, there is one left for a 30ft plus boat and a possible 2 spare for shallow draught boats although these have not yet been checked.
- b) Carl and I operated the block lifter last week, but high winds forced a short session, so some planned work was not undertaken.

16. Boat House – Neil Howarth:

- a) All the Dinghy and Kayak slots are currently full and the boathouse is ticking over with no issues.
- b) There is a red inflatable dinghy which used to belong to Stewart which needs some repair work – does anybody want it?
- c) Also Sue Doyle's inflatable – discussing with her son.
- d) Jim suggested a booking system for the club boats would encourage more use.

17. AOB

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18. Future meetings: 24 October, 14 November, 12 December