River Stour Trust Council

Meeting (virtual via Zoom) Monday 8th February 2021

1.00 pm

Minutes

- 1. Present: PB, AT, JL, JP, JR, RK, SD, MF, CB, EB
- 2. Minutes of last meeting. Agreed.
- 3. Matters Arising. None not already on agenda.
- 4. Reports
 - a. Financial/management. Some difficulties contacting Lisa. Need for personal visit to sort out financial reports/consultancy which is difficult under lockdown. CB to investigate. Ongoing expenses approximately £4500 per month. CB on behalf of staff offered to forgo the 20% salary topup paid by Trust.
 - b. VEC JP checked gateposts and reported by email. Moving in date depends on Lockdown. Heating on anti-frost setting.
 - c. SBOC JC being checked regularly.
 - d. DVB meeting planned soon.
- 5. Any other business.
 - a. Fen Bridge. Suffolk highways to strengthen the bridge to protect waterborne passage. Requested a boat. *Post meeting note: we have been notified that they had got a contractor with a boat and work is in hand.*
 - b. Sign and fence at SSM. No action at present, to be kept under review.
 - c. Lock Lintel update. RK offered to help EB with publication. Need professional picture of front of VEC PB to contact Allie Bain
 - d. Jetties need repair. Frank McKenna had been asked to act as jetty inspector but not seen since covid. Maybe a sponsorship package for local businesses to fund repairs.
 - e. VEC Padlock alteration key missing. If it can't be found CB authorised to get new padlock.
- 6. Date and time of next meeting. 8/3/21