

## River Stour Trust Council

Meeting (virtual via Zoom) Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021

1.00 pm

### Minutes

1. Present: P. Brewerton, J. Rogers, J. Parkinson, J. Lunn, E. Burrell, S. Durham, R. Kearton, A. Thomas, C. Burrows, M. Finch
2. Minutes of last meeting - agreed
3. Matters Arising – none.
4. Election of chair – in the absence of any other nominations, P. Brewerton was duly elected chair. It was agreed to hold the appointment of a treasurer until such time as the VEC office is up and running and the treasurer could get access to the accounts. In the meantime Lisa King, our accountant, would be asked to provide a financial report to each council meeting, to be paid for if not already part of the contract.
5. Reports
  - a. Financial/management – CB gave details of the various accounts, Noted that the £30,000 ‘bounce back’ loan would need a decision by July 2021.
  - b. VEC Ready to open, with all security elements working, as soon as lockdown permits. PB had obtained a quote for re-hanging the gates, but it was decided to hold off until we had some income streams. JP would look at the gateposts to see if an alternative solution could be found. CB/PB in discussion with Phil Orford re overhanging trees.
  - c. SBOC – had not met.
  - d. DVB – Concerns re Fen Bridge and flooding.
  - e. Dedham Lock - Update re funding – Green Recovery Grant was unsuccessful. EB had put together a piecemeal funding model where the various elements of the project were funded separately and was pursuing this with several possible funders.
6. Any other business.
  - a. CB presented a list of new members which was accepted
  - b. PB mentioned ‘Rivers For Mental Health’ a project proposed by the River Deben Trust. It was noted that promotion of good mental health was often an important criterion in grant applications; SD offered to circulate HR departments of significant local employers to include us in their ‘pre-retirement’ packages.
7. Date and time of next meeting.

- a. Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 1pm.
- b. Via Zoom.