

River Stour Trust Council

Meeting (virtual via Zoom) Monday 8th March 2021

1.00 pm

Minutes

Present: P. Brewerton, S. Durham, A. Thomas, E. Barrell, R. Kearton, J. Lunn, J. Parkinson, J. Rogers, C. Burrows, M. Finch, L. King (for item 3a. only)

1. Minutes of last meeting - Agreed
2. Matters Arising – Environmental statement under way with EB and SD.
3. Reports
 - a. Financial/management LK presented draft 2020 accounts. To be completed. Agreed for future meetings LK will provide management accounting report. This to start as soon as office re-opens and LK and CB can work together.
 - b. VEC – Work completed, storage contents returned to VEC. Process of moving in started.
 - c. SBOC – not met, but noted work needed to tidy quay and yard at Granary. Boats not a lot of work needed. DK undertaking maintenance programme.
 - d. DVB – See attached report.
 - e. Dedham Lock – Negotiations ongoing. Essex Heritage Trust grant likely.
4. Planning for resumption of operations.
 - a. Moving into VEC – now becoming urgent. [post meeting note: working from home still advised by Government. Refurnishing to be picked up when shops re-open.]
 - b. Granary operations – as soon as practicable depending on Coronavirus restrictions. Tea room need to discuss with Margaret Cresswell and her team.
 - c. Boat operations – need to find out crew availability. JL offered to take over crew rota duties previously done by Brenda. Ex-JC batteries to be tested and charged, and replaced as necessary. Some discussion took place about vaccination of crews – it is unlawful to insist, but we can recommend. Proceed on basis of resuming operations May/June and review next meeting.
5. Any other business.
 - a. Environmental works on River - letter to EA
 - b. Lock Lintel – Still waiting some articles /pictures. RK offered his help.
 - c. 'Red Sails on the Stour' – JL to write foreword but trust not to have financial input.
 - d. Coracle regatta to continue in memoriam of Dick Mundy.
 - e. Les Airey to be offered life membership in respect of his 40+ years of service to the Trust
6. Date and time of next meetings. – 12th April & 10th May.

The meeting will be recorded.