

River Stour Trust Council

Meeting (virtual via Zoom) Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2021 at 11.00 am

Minute

1. Present: P. Brewerton, R. Kearton, L. King, S. Durham, E. Barrell, M. Finch, J. Rogers, C. Burrows
2. Apologies for absence: J. Lunn, J. Parkinson
3. Minutes of last meeting: Agreed
4. Matters Arising: Meeting with bank still to be arranged
5. Annual Report and AGM: report approved and will be signed and filed with Companies House and Charity Commission. Agreed Zoom AGM early November.
6. Reports
  - a. Financial Lisa reported that furlough is at an end and staff are now working normal hours. Lisa and Catherine still to meet. No figures available.
  - b. Management: Coracle regatta, and S2C went well. Very busy with charters at Sudbury end. Wedding enquiries coming in. Granary hall hire also resuming.
  - c. SBOC met last week. Bat cruises too late this year and Santa pencilled in for 11/12 Dec. JC lift out next August – project team to be set up. Could be a news event.
  - d. DVB met recently. Difficulties running boats at Dedham, Le Talbooth weddings and charters doing well. Dick & Freya Mundy's ashes to be scattered on the river. Bench to be installed at Flatford in Dick's memory. Fen Bridge still standing (and falling down). Suffolk Highways will co-operate with getting Trusty out. S2C better notice to volunteers would be appreciated. Worth talking to Constable Park owner. Tree down in SSM lock channel, passable by canoes but not our boats. Social being organised.
  - e. Dedham Lock: Lease plans circulated for approval. Pilgrim Trust grant process ongoing. Gate to be locked once we take possession.
7. Health and Safety. Policy statement needs to be signed off and put on website. Detailed policy will be worked on by JL and SD.
8. Environmental. Policy statement needs to be signed off and put on website. Detailed policy will be worked on by SD. Stag beetle breeding ground being installed at Flatford in conjunction with Rotary Club. Educational sign approved.
9. Lock Lintel. Newsletter to go out by email with paper copies to those without email. Lavenham Press will print and post.
10. AOB
  - a. Need new sign at Cattawade gate.
  - b. MF thanked for doing the Trust's response to EA license fee consultation. Letter to Irven Forbes to reinforce our issues.
  - c. Need to advertise the Trust with signs on our property and also on other riverside places.
  - d. OWS – agreed to engage with those trying to educate wild swimmers and point out our concerns.
11. Date and time of next meeting. Monday October 11<sup>th</sup> 11 am, on Zoom.