

River Stour Trust Council Meeting (virtual via Zoom)

Monday 15th August 2022 at 7.30 pm

(The meeting was recorded)

Minutes

Present: Paul Brewerton, Emrhys Barrell, Jane Rogers, Jim Lunn, Mike Finch.

Apologies for absence Steve Durham, Catherine Burrows, James Parkinson, Lisa King.

1. **Minutes of last meeting.** Approved.

2. **Matters arising** In the absence of any contact from the IWA JL wants Graham Gardner to be approved as an assessor. Agreed. The EA contractor, Aquatic Solutions, has cut the weeds from Sudbury to Henny, between 1st - 4th August, in time for the Sudbury Regatta. 4 machines – 1 cutter, 3 collectors. They then went down to Cattawade and found the oxygen levels in the water were too low, so they had to stop. The EA are going to try and oxygenate the water. Suggested RST should look into the option of paying to have this work done ourselves in the future.

3. Reports

- a. **Financial** Written report from Lisa. Annual accounts have been circulated for discussion. MF commented that there was no mention of his donation of a workboat worth £1000.
- b. **AGM** Should be sometime in October. It was agreed the Zoom format works well.
- c. **SBOC** JC Lift and work was underway. Crane due Monday. Meeting with Brian Kennel planned to discuss the work required. Charter bookings and walk-up trips going well.
- d. **DVB** Good news is that we are getting new crews and skippers signing up. Bad news is operating boats at weekends at Flatford getting very difficult due to swimmers and bridge jumpers. No sign of EA personnel to control these swimmers and jumpers, or check the many paddle boards for licences. Water levels are dropping steadily, making it difficult to get Trusty up to the jetty. This is possibly due to water flowing under the Flatford Mill sluices. Possibly due to debris trapped beneath them.
- e. **Dedham Lock** The owner of Lock Cottage is considering putting it on the market. This will simplify the finalisation of the lease, as no Licence will now be required. Meeting tomorrow to discuss the boundaries between the lock and Lock Cottage.

4. **Health & Safety** No report

5. **Environmental** No report

6. **Lock Lintel** is still a work in progress.

7. **AOB** S2C - Plans well underway.

Next Meeting: Monday 19th September, 7.30 pm.