

**Minutes of Faversham Town Council's Creek Working Group
held on virtually on Thursday 9th September 2021**

Present:

Cllrs A Hook (Chair), T Martin, H Perkin, A Reynolds and J Rowlands

In attendance: Adrienne Begent

1.	<p><u>Apologies for absence</u></p> <p>Apologies were received from Cllr K Barker</p>	
2.	<p><u>Declarations of interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>	
3.	<p><u>Creek Bridge</u></p> <p>It was noted that a letter had been sent to Secretary of State for Transport (dated 23rd August 2021) regarding the bridge. At the time of the meeting no response had been received. It was agreed that a further letter should be sent Week Commencing 4th October if a reply has still not been received. [Office Note: Copy of letter emailed to Grants Shapps 13/09/21]</p>	
4.	<p><u>Front Brents Jetty and Belvedere Road Moorings</u></p> <p>The meeting received the paper on Town Council moorings, which they found informative.</p> <p>(3) Mooring Agreements: It was considered that the two mooring agreements were unnecessary archaic and that they should be written using plain English. ACTION: Draft agreement for both moorings to be created.</p> <p>(4) The condition and usage of boats presently moored on Belvedere Road was explored. It was noted that inactivity was a common problem at moorings and marinas throughout the country and not necessary a reason for eviction. The (poor) condition of some of the boats was noted, but concern was expressed for eviction based on condition, as it could be seen as subjective and open to complaint. TM commented that the Creek Navigation Company had previously been expressed an interest in running the Front Brents Jetty and that they should be asked to confirm that this is no longer the case. ACTION: Written confirmation to be sought from CNC [Office Note: Confirmation received 12/09/21 without prompt]</p>	<p>AB</p> <p>AB</p>

5.	<p><u>Mooring Fees</u></p> <p>The meeting received the paper on Mooring and Utility Fees and also the breakdown of comparable fees.</p> <p>Members agreed that the moorings on the Front Brents Jetty should be charged at 0.58 per foot per week (plus VAT)</p> <p>Members agreed that the moorings on the Belvedere Road Moorings should be charge at 0.38 per foot per week (plus VAT).</p>	
6.	<p><u>Creek Bed Ownership and Mooring Rights</u></p> <p>A map of the Town Councils Freehold and Land Registry document for K595076 was shared and a verbal report was given. It was noted that Belvedere Road Residents Association and Swale Borough Council owned adjoining land. The residents association had several boats moored against the wall and charged mooring fees. SBC had visitor moorings at Town Quay, and potential to charge visitor mooring fees. It was agreed that both landowners should be sent an initial letter offering a lease of the mud.</p> <p>ACTION: Letter to SBC and BRRA to be drafted and sent to AH for comment</p>	AB
7.	<p><u>Items for Report</u></p> <p>It was agreed that it would be beneficial for the Creek Working Group to undertake a walk around the creek.</p> <p>ACTION: A doodle poll to be undertaken for 5 or 6 possible dates</p>	AB