

MINUTES OF THE POOLE HARBOUR BRIDGES OPERATING BOARD HELD AT 2PM ON TUESDAY 24 NOVEMBER 2009 AT THE OFFICES OF POOLE BOROUGH COUNCIL, ST JOHN'S HOUSE, SERPENTINE ROAD, POOLE.

Present:

Brian Murphy – Chairman	Poole Harbour Commissioners
Scott Oliphant	Dorset Police
Lynda Bourne	Poole Harbour Association
Jon Eads	MDL Cobbs Quay
John Rice	Poole Borough Council

ACTION

1. **Apologies**

No apologies received.

2. **Minutes of the Last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 22 September 2009 were approved.

3. **Matters Arising**

Brian Murphy apologised for the lateness of the agenda. He confirmed that future agendas would be sent out 14 days in advance of future meetings.

Item 16 – Any Other Business – John Rice confirmed that the website was now operational.

4. **Twin Sails Update**

John Rice informed the meeting that the closing date for return of tenders was 30 October 2009. The Borough of Poole received six tenders which were being evaluated. He also confirmed that presentations and interviews have been arranged for Monday 30 November. This will be followed by a Cabinet meeting early in December. The submission will then go to Department for Transport and to Council on 6 January 2010. Proposed start on site February 2010.

John Rice confirmed that the translocation of reptiles had been completed. He also confirmed that the matter of the squatter was being resolved.

John Rice informed the meeting that Wilkins Way would need to be cleared fairly soon and that a temporary road closure would be made, to take effect in January. Lynda Bourne agreed to

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inform boat owners.

Jon Eads asked whether there would be any impact on navigation when construction work commenced. John Rice confirmed that navigation would be maintained at all times and that a safety zone would be marked.

Scott Oliphant asked whether the junction at Rigler Road would be completed by Summer 2011. John Rice confirmed that improvements to this junction would be undertaken as part of the link road construction to be completed before the new bridge opens to traffic.

5. **Byelaws**

Brian Murphy confirmed that IALA (International Association of Navigational Aids and Lighthouse Authorities) light sequence will be used. A flyer will be produced explaining the proposals.

John Rice agreed to investigate whether IALA light sequence could be installed on the existing bridge. JCR

6. **Moorings Update**

Brian Murphy confirmed that relocation work had commenced and that agreement had been reached with the last block holder. Brian Murphy also confirmed that letters giving notice will be sent shortly.

Lynda Bourne agreed to email Warren with details of the two commercial users. LB

7. **Dredging Update**

Brian Murphy confirmed that the first phase of dredging work had been completed. The second phase should commence August 2010.

8. **Road Traffic Summaries**

John Rice confirmed that these had now been received. It was agreed that the Road Traffic Summaries be received every six months.

9. **Complaints and Customer Service**

Lynda Bourne raised a concern regarding an email she had recently received in connection with the Bridge Operator instructing vessels to come through the bridge two by two. Following discussion it was agreed that Brian Murphy would

email Paul Spencer that this matter had been brought to our attention and was causing distress to mariners and should stop immediately. BM

Lynda Bourne had also received a verbal complaint regarding a bridge closure on an incoming yacht which had caught the top of the mast. Lynda Bourne to provide details for John Rice to investigate. LB/JCR

Brian Murphy confirmed that he would email Paul Spencer to thank him and his staff regarding the recently requested bridge lifts at short notice. BM

10. **Health & Safety**

No issues raised.

11. **Any Other Business**

Scott Oliphant informed the meeting that he is likely to retire from Dorset Police on 21 January 2010.

Lynda Bourne to inform BOB of her new email address. LB

John Rice raised the issue of Mr Stevenson and obstructions in Dee Way. No one present raised any concerns about the possibility of Borough of Poole introducing a TRO in Dee Way.

12. **Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that future meetings will be held the first Wednesday of every month and commence at 3pm.

Date of future meetings – **3pm** on 27 January 2010 (venue - Poole Harbour Commissioners' offices). **3pm** on 3 March 2010 (venue – St John's House).