From:

Sent: 24 August 2009 19:15

To:

Cc: Sally Ash;

Subject: ZONING PLANS

Hi

I know you were hoping to get something to us for consideration before Friday's meeting. Is that still your plan? All the best.

From:

Sally Ash

Sent:

10 August 2009 21:45

To:

Simon Salem;

Paul Griffin;

Ian Dewey (Cllr)

Subject:

RE: MINUTES OF MEETING - 10 AUGUST, 2009

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Very efficient

- many thanks for doing this.

Just a couple of comments/corrections:

- 1) Please remove reference to 'collecting fines' BW has no power to impose fines. Subject to conditions, we may levy charges for overstaying, and sell day/weekly etc permits.
- 2) We don't need to wait for another meeting with Simon to progress the thoughts on volunteering. As an action point, we will research the Community Speedwatch model and see if we can develop a workable scheme to formalise arrangements for the current volunteers as a first step. We will keep you up to date with progress on this by email, and receive your comments by the same means. It would be helpful if the notes reflected the important distinction between the two types of task that need to be done regularly on site: (a) noting boat numbers, locations and dates, and (b) selling short term mooring permits (a job which will require access to the boat movement records.

Thank you all again for a useful meeting. We were pleased to note that you have observed some reduction in unauthorized mooring along the length over the past few months.

Kind regards Sally

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From:

Sent: 10 August 2009 19:02

To: Simon Salem;

Sally Ash; Paul Griffin;

Subject: MINUTES OF MEETING - 10 AUGUST, 2009

Please find minutes attached

From:

Sent: 22 September 2009 10:59

To:

Subject: Re: Meeting

Hi

I have spoken to Ian and asked him to accelerate arrangements for the next meeting. He has confirmed that he will do so. Good news on the rubbish dump at Bathampton, as it is already difficult to control the mess created by fly-tippers and enlarging it would have made the situation worse. Mooring situation is OK apart from Bathampton Bridge to Swing Bridge where it is a real mess of hardcore offenders.

Look forward to seeing you at the next meeting. I think will arrange people from BANES and is hoping for Simon, Sally and from BW.

All the best,

Keith

---- Original Message ----

From:

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 10:32 AM

Subject: Meeting

Hi

I hope you enjoyed the glorious weather last weekend. I thought I'd drop you a quick line to see if you've had any contact with ? I'm eager to arrange the next meeting as soon as possible as diaries fill up so quickly! On a different note I've found out that the plans to enlarge the rubbish point at Bathampton have been shelved indefinitely. I was down at Avoncliff and Dundas last week and the mooring situation looked ok, how is it up at your end at the moment?

Kind regards

Leisure Business Officer

British Waterways

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From:

Sent:

27 September 2009 13:17

To:

Subject: Re: Kennet & Avon Canal

Hi

Sorry, been away for a while. I'd be glad to meet up. Next week would work, except Friday. As you know the area quite well, the only part of the canal within the parish of Monkton Combe is the Dundas basin, which seems very well monitored. Anyway, let me know a good time for you.

---- Original Message ----

From:

To:

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2009 11:54 AM

Subject: Kennet & Avon Canal

Good morning

Apologies for the unsolicited email. I've been working with both Claverton and Bathampton Parish Council's to try to resolve some long-standing mooring issues. As part of this process I firmly believe that Monkton Combe's involvement would also be of great value. I understand that you attended the meeting below so I hope I'm not bothering the wrong person! I've walked the length of canal between Bradford on Avon and Bathampton with colleagues, but the thing I found most useful was actually walking with the parish councillors — it gave me an insight to their ideal outcomes and also gave me a flavour of the local context.

I would very much like to do this with you and maybe a local resident as well? If you are happy to accompany me then please let me know when would be suitable for you and I'll try to accommodate.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Kind regards

From:

Sent: 15 September 2009 20:43

To: Sally Ash:

Simon Salem;

Subject: MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 10th SEPTEMBER, 2009

Attached, please find Minutes of the meeting held in Bathampton Village Hall on 10th September, 2009. Many thanks.

From:

Sent:

26 September 2009 18:34

To:

Cc:

Subject:

Re: Bathampton Bins/Compound

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Saturday, 26 Sept. - 1700 hours - bin is still there. Why has it not been taken away? - outbreak of chickens being kept by canal boats. Latest offender has set-up camp just west of Candy's bridge - but there are several spots along the canal where this is now taking place. They keep them under nets pinned on to the towpath grass verge. Surely not permitted under BW licence conditions?

- you will recall conversation re. south bank of canal by Folly Foot bridge (opposite side to towpath). had reported vagrants using a disused brick building adjacent to Folly Foot bridge. observed Saturday evening - 1700 approx. - family/ies with picnic tables, drink & fire (?) + scrambling bike using the field as a race track. Was this area investigated by BANES? If so, did they report back their conclusions?

Thanks to all and applopies for combining several issues in one e-mail - but am pressed for time.

---- Original Message -----

From: To:

Sent: Friday, September 25, 2009 11:21 AM Subject: Re: Bathampton Bins/Compound

As of yesterday evening (Thursday), this bin had still not been removed. Maybe you have arranged something for today (Friday). If not, please let me know why there is a hold up. Thanks very much.

---- Original Message ----

From: To:

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 9:13 AM

Subject: Re: Bathampton Bins/Compound

has now involved the BANES Environmental Health department, as this Please be aware that bin poses a serious health risk from rats etc. It really is disgraceful that it should be left for so long and exposes some serious flaws in your contract with BIFFA. All the best.

---- Original Message -----

From: To: Cc:

Sent: Wednesday, September 23, 2009 8:41 AM Subject: FW: Bathampton Bins/Compound

Are you able to sort this please in

absence.

From:

Sent: 22 September 2009 16:45

To: Cc:

Subject: Re: Bathampton Bins/Compound

Hi

Are you able to help shift the item mentioned below? I am getting no response from (holiday?) and as at 1700 hours on Monday - bin is still not removed. Many thanks.

---- Original Message -----

From: To: Cc:

Sent: Saturday, September 19, 2009 9:54 AM Subject: Re: Bathampton Bins/Compound

There has been a damaged BIFFA bin stuck outside the Bathampton waste point for over 6 weeks. We have asked the BIFFA guys to remove it and they refuse. It presents a health hazard for local school children and also looks very unsightly. There isn't room for it inside the compound so why is it not removed? Please action asap. Tried calling - but he is on leave until 24 September. Many thanks.

---- Original Message ----

From: To: Cc:

Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2009 10:16 AM Subject: RE: Bathampton Bins/Compound

I've just spoken to Biffa and a collection will be made first thing tomorrow morning.

Please let me know if the problems persists.

Regards

From:

Sent: 16 April 2009 09:31

To: Cc:

Subject: Bathampton Bins/Compound

Importance: High

In absence, could you sort out a bin problem at Bathampton please.

I had a call from of Bathampton Parish Council advising that the bins have been left outside of the compound – this apparently due to the fact that the compound itself is full of rubbish so the bins cannot fit inside.

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From:

Sent:

23 August 2009 19:52

To:

Sally Ash

Cc:

Subject: Re: Aug 28th meeting

Hi

It looks as though Ian is still away from home. I think we have to stick with the 28th August @ 11.00 am. has already invited , the and so we will have a K&A representative at the meeting. will need to clarify the BANES planning involvement when he picks up his e-mail. I am not sure he will have known about your conversation with

I think it is important we stay focused on the immediate problems in Claverton & Bathampton. We will all learn a lot from dealing with the issues in these two parishes, which if successful, should benefit a broader BW long term strategy. At our last meeting, we gave a few words of encouragement to your enforcement team. We meant this as a spur to greater effort and not as a signal to take your eye off the ball! When we look at the mooring situation between the Swing Bridge and Candy's Bridge, too many of the hard-core offenders are creeping back in. We really do need to get control of the situation properly, and as you know the local representatives are eager to play their part.

We all enjoyed our morning's work with you on Friday, 28th August @ 1100 am.

and look forward to seeing the results. All the best and see

---- Original Message ----

From: Sally Ash

To: Cc:

Sent: Friday, August 21, 2009 2:16 PM

Subject: FW: Aug 28th meeting

Dear

Sorry, time is slipping by ... I should have included you in my Monday email to Not had a reply, so please could you advise on this as we need to firm up the meeting arrangements.

Best wishes

From: Sally Ash

Sent: 18 August 2009 18:43

To: Cc:

Subject: Aug 28th meeting

Dear

We're considering our team line up for the 28th August meeting. Two considerations are in my mind.

First, involvement of the K&A Trust. I've been in touch; is their nominee and they are very keen to be involved. Unfortunately is not available on 28th but could do 1st Sept.

Second, involvement of professional planner from BANES. Are you having any success? For your interest, I'm pasting below the exchange I've had with whom I telephoned in advance of our meeting on 10th, just to brief myself directly on their likely attitude. This appears to confirm your indication

would be helpful if a BW planner attended also. Our planning professional for the K&A is also cannot make 28th, but could do 1st Sept.

She

I am pleased with the progress that and appear to be making, and understand that yesterday's walk was productive. On reflection, I feel that we can continue to make progress without the need for formal planning input at this stage. I still see short and long term elements to the solution for moorings in your area. The short term one is to address the Parish Councils' immediate concerns on overstaying. On this we appear to be making good progress. The longer term one is the development of the strategy which we see as critical to underpinning our future management of the canal. This needs to reflect the lessons we learn from the current process and also to consider the wider community and canal interests. We are working on terms of reference, securing the resources and establishing a project structure. Consultation with planners will come at an early stage once work starts on strategy development proper.

In conclusion, my recommendation is that we drop the requirement for planners at the next meeting, and concentrate on the short term imperatives. I apologise if this sounds like a change of view, but hope you understand the reasons.

Kind regards

Sally

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From:

Sent: 13 August 2009 14:39

To: Sally Ash

Subject: RE: Canal moorings

Sally

Don't know if anyone has got in touch, your email has been debated but I am not clear who is going to lead within Bath and North East Somerset - you have not been forgotten or ignored!!

From: Sally Ash

Sent: 06 August 2009 17:21

To:

Subject: Canal moorings

Dear

Just a note to confirm our conversation earlier.

Living afloat is being perceived as an attractive and economical choice by increasing numbers of people, particularly in on the edge of our towns and cities. Bath is no exception and we have been concerned for some time at the number of boats that have simply 'put down roots' without our permission along the townsthe between Bath and Bradford upon Aven. My colleagues in our regional office in Glavenster.

responsible for this length have been trying within their available resources to take effective enforcement action against these boats. We recognise that these efforts have been ineffective in curbing the extent of the problem.

In June, Councillor Dewey met with Simon Salem – my direct manager and the Director responsible for our boating business – to register local residents' concerns. They agreed on some short term measures designed to improve the effectiveness of our enforcement effort. Simon has asked me to lead on this matter. I am due to meet Cllr Dewey and representatives of parish councils on Monday next (10th August) to report on progress.

Having picked up the file, walked the whole length from Bathampton to Bradford and given much thought to the challenge, I've concluded that we need to do considerably more than was agreed at the June meeting if we are to achieve a sustainable long term solution. A properly researched and consulted long term mooring strategy for the waterway that reflects the aspirations of all stakeholders – local communities and businesses, boaters, anglers and waterborne tourists – would provide a much stronger framework for enforcement activity. Such a strategy would set out where different types of mooring should be permitted, and for what duration. Its implementation would result in greater benefit to local communities from the waterway – boating holiday makers would be more likely to be able to find short term moorings and increase patronage of local businesses for example.

We would very much like to engage with BANES on the development of this strategy and hope that it might become something that the Council could endorse.

More immediately, I am also seeking suggestions as to how we might link in with your local traffic management teams – swift enforcement action requires daily recording of boat sightings. Simon and Cllr Dewey had discussed a possible volunteer route for this, but such is the risk of confrontation along this particular stretch at present, we do not consider this a realistic option for the time being. We are therefore researching other options, and use of traffic wardens struck us as worth exploring.

We briefly discussed the potential interest of your planning enforcement team and they could indeed play a role in accelerating cases.

Many thanks for your time on trying to 'field' this issue within BANES. As I said on the phone, my mission is to achieve a solution that satisfies BANES constituents, but to do this, we do need your help!

Kind regards

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