

## **Minutes of the 83<sup>rd</sup> Fleet Study Group meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> March 2005**

**Present:** D.Seaward, B. Jones, D. Kochanowska, K. Coombe, E. Harland, G. Poole, J. FitzPatrick, R. Waldock.

1. **Apologies** for Absence were received from D. Moxom, J. Whittaker, D. Wheeler, S. Eden, G. LePard

### **3. Matters Arising**

A copy of Dave Wheelers paper has now been received for the archive.

Lamprothamnium – JW has found specimens in the Natural History Museum from 1970 surveys.

Richard Acornley is still to report on sediment studies.

A CD of Chesil Beach photographs to be sent to Ed Harland

Fleet Hinterland reports to go to the Fleet Archive

### **4. Reports from Representatives:**

JDMC – presentation on the Invest in Fish Project - not clear as to the extent of Dorset's involvement – to be taken forward through DCF. Kimmeridge – volunteer wardens are being trained to undertake basic research. Updates were given on the Poole Harbour proposed dredging, various proposed marina developments, dredging in Christchurch Harbour and the EA's review of consents.

DCF – Water quality was the main theme – presentations were given by the EA, Wessex Water, English Nature, Ilchester Estates among others.

Annual Fleet SAC meeting. Large number of attendees. Two main points – SAC status now achieved. Little terns – difficulty with helping the colony in any way. Excellent reports produced by Don Moxom, Ed Harland, Dave wheeler.

**5. Current and recent research** – None notified.

**6. Chesil Survey points update** – Angle irons (30 markers at 500 metre intervals) have been installed and surveyed. The network is intended as a memorial to Alan Carr.

**7. Memorial to Alan Carr** – Don Moxom is arranging for a block (similar to a trig point) with plaques. Ceremony planned for July.

**8. Proceedings of the IVth Fleet Symposium** – Two papers still outstanding, also problems with contacting the publishers.

**9. Bincleaves development** – no marina is now proposed due to the sensitivity of the area.

**10 Future meetings and venues** – 3<sup>rd</sup> Friday in March, July and November alternating between Abbotsbury and DWT, Brooklands. Next meeting will be 15<sup>th</sup> July.

## **11. AOB**

Future monitoring ideas – use of students? HLF bid. Seismic/coring/boring surveys through the beach?

Abbotsbury archaeological study group – has been set up by Ilchester Estates, G. LePard is on the committee.

Marine algal ID day is being run on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon onwards.

The Marine Conservation Society in Dorset has had an inaugural meeting.

FSG website – future maintenance – Ed Harland could take on from the end of the year.

Transfer of the Fleet website (Peter Dyrinda) to the DCF site to be looked into.