

## **Sutton Parish Council**

### **Abandoned Boats & Trailers Policy**

The Council reserves the right to dispose of any craft, for which the mooring fee has not been paid or any boat or trailer which appears to be abandoned on land managed by Sutton Parish Council.  
For example: boats and/or trailers that are: abandoned; in a state of disrepair; or parked in the wrong place. It also includes boats and/or trailers that remain uncollected by the owner on expiry of the permit (e.g. if the owner does not renew their membership).

The following process will be followed:

1. Parish Council will make all reasonable efforts to contact the owner of the vessel.
2. A completed and dated 'Abandoned Boat/Trailer Notice' will be attached to the craft. When in place, the notice will be photographed in situ and filed as evidence that the appropriate notification was made.
3. If after 28 days, the abandoned boat/trailer owner has not made contact, a notice will be placed on the Council notice board and website, to advise that the craft has been identified formally as being abandoned and will be removed after a certain date (4 weeks after the date of the notice being posted).
4. If after the above procedure, no contact has been made by the owner to the Parish Council, a final notice will be placed on the boat / trailer, with the intended date of its removal.
5. The Council will then either sell, scrap or otherwise remove the abandoned boat or trailer, as they see fit and appropriate.
6. Any proceeds from the sale of the craft will be recorded by the Council. Should the owner subsequently make contact, then the proceeds of the sale will be refunded, less any dues owed, i.e. Mooring fees that are in arrears and/or any reasonable expenses incurred by the Council in administering the sale, removal, storage etc of the abandoned craft:

*Council time @ £20 per hour, £5 per letter, plus postage, mileage and associated fees.*

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