

Dear Annette,

24/06/2022

Thank you for the well-presented agenda document that we received from one of our neighbours on email this morning. As the builder of the jetty, it is appropriate to provide more information to you ahead of the parish council meeting on the 5th of July.

Background:

[REDACTED] the neighbours were very helpful in showing us the details of the Dittisham Millcreek.

[REDACTED] As you can see from the old photo below, the Millcreek beach has been cluttered with boats in the past, which has made it harder to use.



Design- A local architectural practice in Totnes designed us a small jetty for public use. Please see the original plan below.

The jetty had the following requirements

- 1) To not cut the feet, even when wearing water shoes, on old rusty pieces of metal or glass in the mud when either pulling dingies up the beach or wild swimming.
- 2) To be able to swim on the half tide using the jetty so that one wouldn't have to walk out so far through the mud. This is particularly important for older people who can use the steps while swimming which now go down onto the water. Feedback from some of our neighbours has been positive because it is easier to swim, often with their grandchildren.
- 3) To allow for the on loading or offloading from boats and yachts of equipment and crew. Taking out sails, engines, fuel or other equipment through the mud is hazardous. A number of yachts which anchor up in the deep water on the side of Gurrew point have used the jetty to come ashore.
- 4) To make it easier for paddleboarders to get on and off their paddleboards in the water from a flat, stable structure.
- 5) To allow for short stay dingy access. The Harbourmaster has done a very good job in the last year of cleaning up the Millcreek and taking away some of the sunken vessels. There is an issue with dinghy access- using the jetty for dingies makes it easier to take passengers and equipment on and off.

Dart Harbour Authority

In the meeting in the Harbourmaster's office on Friday, 10th February 2023, the Harbourmaster made two design additions- steps down to the water with handles to climb in and out for wild swimming and a higher end post to act as a marker at high tide.

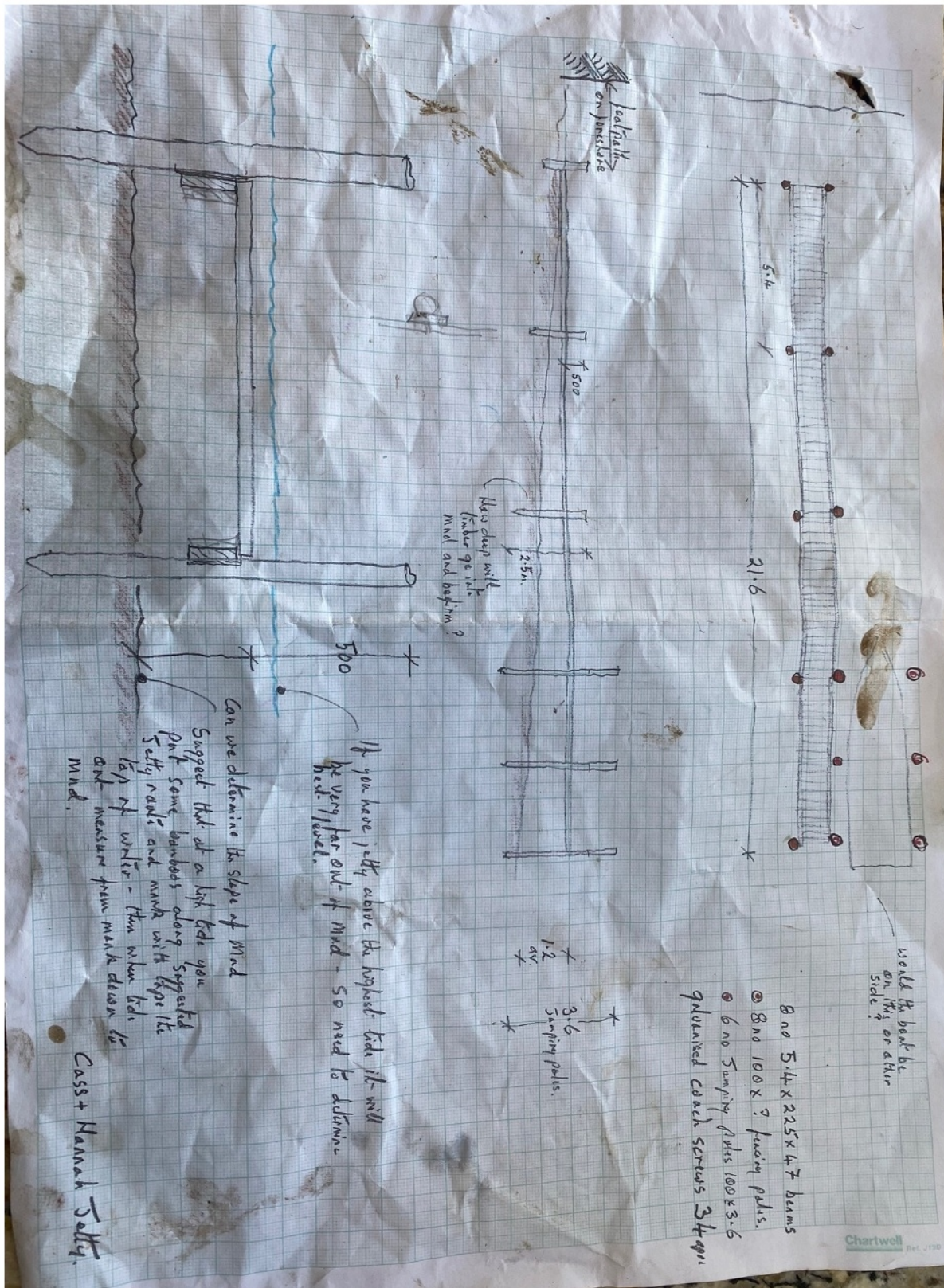
We agreed to upkeep and maintain the jetty for public use. We agreed that, subject to the relevant approvals, the jetty could become part of the Dart Harbour Infrastructure.

Usage

On observation, there have been significantly more users of the jetty than we expected. This may be partly down to the very good weather. As you highlighted in your parish agenda document, the main users are kayakers, paddleboarders, people stepping off their anchored yachts, people using their dinghies, and wild swimmers. Neighbours who are staying in the accommodation in the mill creek also use it for evening drinks. We understand several of the users have contacted you to say how they use it. We've taken photos of that usage but it's unclear as to whether we are allowed to share them with you. Are we allowed to share those photos with you ahead of the meeting?

Kind regards,

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Can we determine the slope of Mud
Suggest that at a high tide you
put some bamboo along suggested
jetties and mark with tape the
top of water - then when tide
is out measure from mark down to
mud.

If you have jetties above the highest tide it will
be very far out of mud - so need to determine
best levels.

Cass + Hannah Tilly

- 8 no 5.4 x 2.25 x 4.7 beams
- 8 no 100 x ? facing posts.
- 6 no Sampling posts 100 x 3.6
- galvanised coach screws 34mm

Kind regards,

Dittisham Mill Creek Jetty Saturday 24th June 2023

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