



In attendance	Ian Jarvis	British Waterways
	Karen Morphet	British Waterways
	George Meer	British Waterways
	Ron Brewer	Warden
	Ivor Crane	SNBC
	Keith Duffield	SWDT
	Di Duffield	Bathpool Boaters
	Tom Green	"Peggotytom"
	Richard Wilton	YMCA
	Kevin Greyson	Taunton Angling Association
	Matthew Hawkins	Taunton Angling Association
	Chris & Val Whitcombe	Maunsel Canal Centre
	Diane & Michael Wines	Bathpool Boaters
	Steve & Carol Medhurst	Bathpool Boaters
	Mike & Marion Hutchings	Bathpool Boaters
John Swayne	Wardens	

Apologies

		Action
	Issues raised from the previous meeting: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fisherman's car park at Crossways does not belong to BW • It was confirmed that there is insurance when you become a BCU member. • Local Authority Maintenance Agreement – Ongoing • GM has investigated the obstruction – it is not metal it is masonry below the water line. • Installation of outside light at the visitor centre has been completed. 	
1	Other Questions/Issues Raised Boxing day cruise – there was no improvements and appears to have got worse at Western Bridge/Victoria Bridge. Mooring posts missing. Landing stage in poor condition. GM to investigate. The new NO SWIMMING signs have already been vandalised. Damage to craft by fisherman in Bridgwater Docks. Photos passed onto GM. Taunton Angling were unaware of the meetings but had found them on the web site. No agenda items had been forwarded to IJ.	GM
2	G Meer/BW Update GM gave a briefing on the works carried out over the last 3 months. IJ gave an update on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Weed Boat • Spring Clean Weekend • Dredging 	
3	Taunton Angling Club Concerns over the state of the vegetation, poor condition of the canal and bank at sites in Taunton. Access for the disabled. TAC lease 6 miles of the canal and are only able to use approx. 1 mile. GM to arrange meeting with TAC to review and also to look at signage – putting up NO FISHING signs at various locations.	GM

Concerns from boaters about mooring lines.

4 IJ/JS/RM

IJ reported that there had been a lot of youths swimming in the canal by the Boat and Anchor. The new "NO SWIMMING" signs had been vandalised on the same day that they were installed. GM to look at new signs.

GM

IJ/JS advised the group to call 0800 47 999 47 and report any incidents regarding Anti Social Behaviour and to keep reporting every incident. Concerns were raised over issues between boaters and swimmers.

RM asked if BW were aware of the issues regarding security and the problems at the YMCA mooring site. IJ has written to the club and is aware of the issues. Copy of the letter to be forwarded to GM.

**IJ/RM/
GM**

One of the two moorings – could these be made into visitor moorings??

The gearing on the locks will be looked at by the new heritage advisor.

GM

Higher Maunsell spindle has been snapped at the weekend. GM to investigate.

Val Whitcombe advised that the Duck Race had proved a very successful day.

Popular Tree at Charlton Orchard was leaning badly. GM to investigate.

GM

CW asked about the progress of the swing bridges. IJ gave an update of the latest position and will check the progress.

IJ

Keith Duggield briefed the group on the Lottery Visit.

GM to investigate the issues on bins at Weststreet. It was noted that you can now put dog poo bags into a normal litter bin. Dogs do not need to be on a lead but should be under control.

JS advised the group on the Canal Wardens and what actions they are able to take.

BW Lock and Bridge Awards is ongoing – there are 9 structures entered and Vaughan Welch from the IWA is the judge.

A plan was issued to all showing the informal mooring locations on the Bridgwater and Taunton Canal.

Date and location of next meetings

Wednesday 4th October 2006 at 7.00 pm at the Canal Centre Maunsel

Wednesday 21st February 2007 at 7.00 pm at the Canal Centre Maunsel