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Unlawfully Moored Boats Enforcement Group Minutes
Tuesday 7th July 2015 2015 at 10:05 – 12:00
Town Hall, Old Library

Chair: Richard Adams (RA)

Confirmed Attendants: Chris Bell (CB); [REDACTED] (TH); Simon Manton (SM); Christopher Wood (CW); [REDACTED] (NF); Simon Fisher (SF); Richard Wyatt (RW); Simon Boden (SB); Cllr Colin Cook (CC); Matthew Symonds (MS); James Pownall (JP); [REDACTED] (JL)

Apologies : Paul Townsend (PT); [REDACTED]; Abby Abrahams; PC Rob Parker

Notes: Simon Boden

Item	Topic	Action
2.	Previous minutes agreed	
3.	Legal options	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> RA gave an overview of what he saw as the purpose of UMBEG and presented a report showing the current tools and powers that could be used to enforce against unlawfully moored boats. House boats do not need to be licenced with the EA. RW suggested that Planning Policy may restrict mooring, however, it is preferable to enforce against the land rather than the boat and this could be a long drawn out process. Riparian Land Ownership has been a long standing issue when it comes to enforcing against illegally moored boats – there are long stretches of unregistered land. Trespass legislation, planning enforcement on mooring sites and S215 Town and Country Planning Act to be added to the list of powers. 	RA
4.	Hot spot Action plans for each area have been created and will be presented at each future meeting.	RA
	Abbey Road <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5 boats currently moored on the river behind Abbey Road near Botley Road Bridge. The first boat (from the bridge) is in a poor condition and is thought to be a buffer boat owned by one of the other boats to prevent another mooring 	