



CALSTOCK PARISH COUNCIL

ABANDONED CRAFT POLICY

Purpose:

- To maintain the visual impact of Calstock Village and encourage the active use of the water frontage.
- To maintain active access and availability of council-owned moorings.
- To ensure that Calstock village centre looks at its best for the expected increase in tourism.

Aim

To provide a reasonable and transparent approach to deal with abandoned craft littering Calstock waterfront and to minimise the risk of further craft being left in a growing state of disrepair.

Policy

The Abandoned Craft Policy (ACP) refers to any waterborne craft located on Calstock Parish Council owned land or area of responsibility which do not appear to be in active use or have unknown ownership. The focus is the Calstock waterfront, including Parish Quay, but extends to Calstock railway car park where craft are 'parked' over extended periods.

- The ACP will be invoked when an apparently abandoned craft has been identified by local residents, Parish Council employees or Parish Councillors as not having moved for more than 6 weeks.
- When the PC is notified, photographs will be taken of the site and condition of the craft.
- A laminated notice will be placed on the craft stating that it has been identified as looking as if it has been abandoned. When in place the notice will be photographed in situ and filed as evidence that the appropriate notification was made.
- The notice will ask the owner to identify themselves by a certain date (4 weeks after the notification) to the Clerk of the PC who will ascertain whether mooring fees are due.
- If there has been no response to the notification a further poster, including the photograph, will be placed on the Parish Council notice board stating that the craft has been identified formally as being 'abandoned' and will be removed after a certain date (6 weeks after the date of the notice board posting).
- If, after the above procedure, no contact has been made by the owner to the Parish Council a final encapsulated notice will be placed on the boat with the intended date of its removal.
- The abandoned craft will either be sent for auction and the proceeds placed in an PC administered abandoned craft account to be used to support waterfront development in Calstock, burned or reported to Cornwall Council for removal.