

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on 14 October 2013 at 7.30 pm at the Hotel Wroxham

Present: Paul Savage (Chairman), Lesley Bonshor,
Michael Brandon-Jones, Peter Cobb, David Edleston, Robert
Paul,
David Skinner and Robin Godber (Society Chairman)

In attendance: Carol Palfrey (Administrator/Committee Secretary)

The Chairman welcomed Robin Godber to the meeting.

1 **Apologies**

John Pitchers

Keith Bacon and John Scott were not present

The resignation of John Wheeley was noted.

2 **Minutes of the meeting of 12 August 2013**

The minutes had been circulated and were agreed and signed by the Chair of the meeting as a true record, subject to the amendment of Minute 3.2 (para 2) to read "... the Broads Authority's proposal to allocate income from tolls to pay 30% of the salary of a new Tourism Officer."

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Allocation of Tolls Income (Minute 3.2)

Members acknowledged that this issue would continue to be a matter of concern. They noted that dredging had been carried out in Breydon Water but were concerned that the programme for dredging in the Northern Rivers had been put back. The Administrator referred to the September meeting of the Main Committee at which the Society Chairman had drawn attention to a meeting between local MPs and the Broad Authority to address concerns that navigation interests were not being properly represented on the Broads Authority.

Members noted reference that, in his Chairman's letter in "Harnser", Robin Godber had made reference to the successful outcome of Paul Savage's efforts to secure sufficient moorings on the lower Bure.

3.2 Outcome of Court Hearing - Cess Staithe (Minute 3.3)

In the absence of Keith Bacon no further information was available.

3.3 Renewable Energy (Minute 3.5)

It was agreed that John Pitcher's excellent article on solar farms and on-shore wind farms in the latest issue of "Harnser" was a clear and informative account of the current situation, the

issues arising from these developments and the Broads Society's stance.

- 3.4 "Harnser" (Minute 3.6)
Members complimented the Editor of "Harnser" on the October issue and were pleased to see that their suggestions for improvements had been taken into account. They thanked David Edleston for his report and photographs of the NRS-C Boat Trip.

4 Matters Arising from the Main Committee

The Administrator reported on the following items discussed:

- 4.1 Finance
The new arrangements for dealing with the Society's financial affairs were continuing to work well. The Treasurer and the Administrator will be making a proposal to the Main Committee for a change of Independent Examiner.
- 4.2 CNP
Peter Howe continues to keep the Committee abreast with news from CNP especially those issues which had relevance for the Broads. In this connection he drew attention to increased funding for underground powerlines and the Government's proposals for road building programme which could have implications for the Acle Straight. Norfolk County Council had made bid for funding from the scheme for funding alternative transport initiatives in National Parks. This was to provide a cycle route along the Three Rivers Way. The bid had, however, been unsuccessful.
- 4.3 Broads Charitable Trust
The "Love the Broads" scheme is progressing well.
- 4.4 Lady Mayhew Trophy
The Trophy will be awarded this year and a presentation made at the AGM.
- 4.5 Photographic Competition
All entries will be on display at the AGM when judging and award of the prize will take place.
- 4.6 Nominations for Election to the Main Committee
Nominations for the Main Committee are invited. NRS-C is represented by Paul Savage as the Sub-Committee's Chairman. The Administrator explained that the normal procedure was for each Sub-Committees to make a recommendation to the Main Committee for appointment of a Chair. This recommendation would then be ratified by the Main Committee at their first meeting after the AGM (January). Members discussed the

future Chairmanship of NRS–C without reaching any conclusion and decided to retain the status quo for the time being.

[Further details are available from the copy of the minutes posted on the website.]

5 Allocation of Parishes

Following John Wheeley's resignation, it was necessary to re-allocate his area of responsibility for commenting on planning applications. Lesley Bonshor offered to take on Filby and Stokesby and Paul Savage the remainder of the parishes on John Wheeley's list. The Administrator would circulate the revised list with the minutes.

6 Norfolk Hub

This is a standing item. There was nothing to report.

7 Issues relating to the Society's Mission

It was agreed to arrange a boat trip in the Spring. Some years ago Colin Dye had arranged a boat trip from Brundall to Norwich using one of his hire boats. Bearing in mind the substantial developments along this stretch of the river in recent years, it was agreed that a similar trip would be very useful. The Administrator was asked to contact Colin Dye.

It was also agreed to arrange a walking trip along the river in Norwich.

8 Planning

8.1 Planning Applications and decisions since 10 June 2013

A list had been circulated. There were no comments.

8.2 Refusals

The following were noted:

3718 – 3 Bureside Estate, Crabbetts Marsh, Horning – Replacement Dwelling

The Society had raised no objection.

3720 – Bristercraft, the Rhond, Hoveton – Variation of planning condition to allow holiday homes to be used throughout the year

The Society had raised no objection.

3724 - 7 Top Road, Belaugh

Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of single replacement dwelling

The Society had not objected in principle but had suggested a more sensitive design which was more appropriate for a Conservation Area.

3725 - 10 Norwich Road Wroxham - Retrospective application for banner signage to the side of building

The applicant had withdrawn the application pending further discussions. In the meantime, the sign remained illegal and the BA would pursue enforcement action for its removal if necessary.

The Society had lodged a strong objection to this application.

3474 (amend) - Utopia and Arcady, Mill Road Stalham

Appeal against refusal of replacement design for existing cottages

The Society had objected to the design of the original proposal for replacement of the cottages but had not objected to the revision submitted at a later date.

8.3 New applications to consider

3743 - Landfall, 8 Anchor Street, Coltishall

Proposed first floor extension

No grounds for objection.

9 **A.O.B.**

There was no other business

10. **Date of Next Meeting**

9 December 2013

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm

Signed

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