

## The Broads Society

### *Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Thursday 24 February 2011 at 7.30pm at the Conservative Club, Beccles*

**Present** Peter Waller (Chairman), Colin Dye, David Capp, Thelma Gascoyne, Berry Powell,  
David Trower

**In attendance:** Carol Palfrey (Administrator)

The Chairman introduced Don Cleaver who had volunteered to join the Committee in response to the Chairman's appeal in "Harnser".

1 **Apologies for Absence** were received from Robin Godber and Peter Horsefield

2 **Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the Meeting held on 9 December 2010 were agreed as a true record.

3 **Matters Arising**

3.1 Submissions to the Main Committee (Minute 3.3)

Peter Waller reported on the response from the Broads Authority in respect of matters still outstanding at the last meeting.

a) Submerged stakes in Oulton Broad

These were due to be removed in the next few weeks.

b) Request for new moorings at St Olaves

The BA considered this a low priority as good visitor moorings were already available in the vicinity. Members pointed out that these moorings were too far from the bridge to be of use for mast lowering and it was therefore agreed that a further letter be written to the BA suggesting the installation of dolphins either side of the bridge and pointing out that these would be of particular assistance to vessels such as the Albion and the Hunter Fleet.

c) Navigation hazards in Breydon Water

This issue was under discussion.

Peter also reported that the suggestion to invite the Chairman of the Broads Tourism Forum, Ian Russell, had been left in abeyance following his resignation.

3.2 Committee Membership and Meeting Venue (Minute 3.3)

The Committee were pleased to welcome Don Cleaver as a new member. The Administrator referred him to the website for a copy of the Society constitution which set out the rules for appointing sub-committees.

Colin Dye suggested that alternate meetings be held in Brundall and offered the use offered his premises as a venue free of charge. This arrangement was formally proposed by David Capp, seconded by Peter Waller and unanimously agreed. The Administrator would cancel the April booking at Beccles Conservative Club.

Members went on discuss whether it was necessary for the sub-committee to meet so frequently. It was therefore agreed that two weeks prior to the date of each scheduled meeting, the Administrator would consult members for their views as to whether there was sufficient business to warrant a meeting. However, members were aware of the potential risk to the committee's future viability if cancellation of meetings became routine.

3.3 Planning (Minute 4.3)

Berry Powell reiterated the concern expressed at the last meeting relating to the Broads Authority's reluctance to refuse a planning application on the grounds of the cost of an appeal. The Administrator reported that this issue was to be raised on the Society's behalf by Keith Bacon at one of the twice yearly meetings between the BA and Parish Councils.

**4. Matters Arising from Main Committee**

A summary of the meeting held on 24 January had been circulated and the contents noted.

**5 Matters to be raised by Committee**

5.1 David Capp was pleased to see the installation of a number of floating pontoons for mooring and removal of the trees at the entrance to Oulton Broad. The Chairman was therefore asked to write to the Broads Authority commending their actions and, taking up David's suggestion, asking whether a floating pontoon at Aldeby could be considered.

5.2 Free Quay at Oulton Broad

The free quay, given as a memorial to Nicholas Everitt, had been removed about four years ago and never replaced. There was therefore no free fixed mooring on Oulton Broad, although provision of a floating jetty was a welcome addition.

Berry Powell pointed out that a previous member of the South Rivers Sub-Committee had been campaigning for reinstatement of the quay but with no success. The Chairman was asked to raise this issue with Waveney District Council.

**6. Planning Applications dealt with since the last meeting**

A list had been circulated.

**7 Planning Decisions**

It was noted that the application to extend the Wherry Hotel at Oulton Broad had been withdrawn. The Society had lodged an objection to the planning application.

**8. New Planning Applications**

There were none.

**9. Any Other Business**

9.1 Mink

Berry Powell enquired whether mink were still causing problems. The issue seemed to have disappeared from news reports. Committee members were aware of reported problems at South Walsham and the RSPB Reserve at Strumpshaw but no one could provide any more information on the current overall status of mink in the Broads.

**10. Date of next meeting**

Thursday 28 April at Silverline Marine, Brundall

Signed.....(Chairman)

Date .....