The Broads Society

Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting
held on Wednesday 19 August 2015 at Silverline Marina, Brundall

Present: Colin Dye (Chairman), Don Cleaver, Robin Godber, Mike Gross and David Trower

In attendance: Carol Palfrey (Administrator)

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence
David Capp, John Cressey, Ian Northover-Smith and Fergus Bootman

2 Minutes of the last Meeting
The minutes of the meeting held on 21 April, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of Interest
There were none

4 Matters arising

4.3 Repair to Breach at Hardley Flood (Minute 4.2)
It was agreed to keep this under review.

4.2 River Chet (Minute 4.2)
The metal markers had yet to be removed.

4.3 Trees at Pyes Mill (Minute 9.2)
A minimal cut of the overhanging trees had been carried out. Although this had improved the situation, members believed a more rigorous cut would have been better.
In discussion about navigation on the Chet Colin Dye informed members that there was a 12’6” width restriction. The Administrator was asked to contact Trudi Wakelin to suggest the erection of a sign at the mouth of the Chet. Colin also believed that this restriction applied to the Ant; the Administrator would include this in her email to Trudi and would also enquire whether there were any length restrictions on the Broads system.
Mike Gross asked for an enquiry to be sent about the legality of live aboard craft moored at Pyes Mill.

5 Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 21 July 2015

Robin Godber reported on the following issues discussed.

5.1 National Parks Conference – 21-23 October 2016
The planning group was making good progress. The following speakers had accepted invitations: Mark Cocker, Richard Starling (Reed Bed Management) and Barbara Griesley (Green Tourism). Outings to How Hill, Happisburgh, the Broads Museum and a Wherry Trip were being organized. Richard Reid was preparing a cost analysis and sponsorship would be sought.
5.2 **Heritage Boats**
Unfortunately the Society’s paper submitted to the Broads Forum had been regarded as a proposal rather than a discussion paper as intended and had not been approved to go forward to the Broads Authority.

5.3 **Advertising**
Colin Dye had recruited two local companies to advertise in “Harnser”

5.4 **Future of the Society**
The Main Committee had discussed the future of the Society and the ways in which interest might be generated. Jacquie Burgess (Chair of the Broads Authority) had agreed to speak at the AGM and had also become a member.

5.5 **North Rivers Sub-Committee** (Minute 18.1)
The walk along the river bank at Norwich had proved informative and enjoyable. The Administrator reported that NRS-C would be arranging a boat trip in 2016 to which members of SRS-C would be invited. Members of NRS-C believed that it would be useful for the two sub-committees to receive copies of each other’s minutes and the Administrator had agreed to arrange this.

5.6 **Circulation of the Minutes of the Main Committee**
The Administrator suggested that those members of SRS-C who were not on the Main Committee might find it useful in future to have copies of the minutes of the Main Committee. This arrangement had already been agreed for NRS-C.

6 **Regeneration of the Southern Broads**
In July the River Wensum Strategy Partnership had carried out a consultation on proposals for managing the River Wensum and surrounding area for the benefit of the city and its residents, while also increasing access to, and use of, the river itself.

Don Cleaver believed the key to success would be encouraging the involvement of local traders.
There was general agreement that improvement to mooring facilities and provision of river transport were essential.

7 **Planning**

7.1 **General Planning Issues**
There were none

7.2 **Review of allocation of parishes**
NRSC had suggested that SRS-C should take on responsibility for parishes on both sides of the River Yare. This was agreed; SRS-C had always believed that this would be a more sensible arrangement and were pleased that the proposal to change had come from NRS-C.
The Administrator would send a complete list of parishes currently deal with by NRS-C so that he could identify those parishes to be transferred.

The Administrator would also send a list of all the SRS-C parishes (including those transferred) to Fergus Bootman so that he could suggest those for which he might be responsible.
7.3 **Planning Applications and decisions since the last meeting**
A list had been circulated. It was noted that DC stands for David Capp; Don Cleaver is identified as DCI.

8.4 **New applications to consider**
One new application was tabled to which there was no objection.

8.4 **Planning issues raised by members**
There were none.

9 **A.O.B**

9.1 **Letterhead**
Robin Godber had amended the Society letterhead for correspondence relating to the National Parks Conference so that the strap line “Friends of the Broads” featured more prominently. The Administrator would ask Nick Balls to redesign the template for her use.

9.2 **Branding the Broads**
The initial application by local landowners for a judicial review had been turned down. However, on appeal the judgement had been reversed and further time allocated to consider the issue on the grounds that the Broads Authority, as a public body, should be subject to greater scrutiny. The Broads Authority would incur considerable costs if a judgement was made against them.

9.3 **Hoveton Great Broad**
The Administrator had circulated the link to the on-line petition objecting to public funding being allocated to a project which did not provide adequate public access. The majority of the main committee and sub-committees had signed.

9.4 **CNP – North York Moors**
The Broads Society had put its name to a petition objecting to the mining of potash.

9.5 **Landing stage at Strumpshaw Fen**
A planning application would be submitted this year with a view to carrying out the work in 2016. Robin Godber offered to enquire about progress on the application. Members believed that greater access to the reserve by water should be provided for small crafts such as canoes. The Society would support a speed restriction on the river where it passed the nature reserve.

10 **Date of Next Meeting**

The date originally scheduled (14 October) was changed to Tuesday 20 October at 4 Wherry Close, Loddon Quay, Chedgrave, NR14 6LS.

Signed........................................ (Chairman) Date ........................................