

BROADS SOCIETY

Minutes of the Main Committee held on Monday 31st July 2017 at the Crown Inn, Catfield

Present: Paul Rice (Chairman), Keith Bacon (Vice-Chairman), Colin Dye, Mike Filgate, Robin Godber, Paul Savage, Pat Simpson, Jill Wickens.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

1 Apologies for Absence

Anne Filgate, Peter Howe (CNP Representative)

2 Approval of Accounts

It was noted that the Campaign for National Parks expenditure was quite high although Robin Godber stated that it had been brought down for the last year.

Keith Bacon proposed that the accounts be accepted, this was seconded by Jill Wickens with all in agreement.

Paul Rice will write to Richard Reid and thank him for his work as Treasurer.

3. Administrator's Salary

Sarah Vergette left the room for this discussion.

Keith Bacon proposed that the Administrator's salary should be raised to £7,000 per annum, this was seconded by Jill Wickens with all in agreement.

4. Broads Authority Peer Review

Paul Rice explained that the Broads Authority would hold a Peer Review in October to investigate how the Broads Authority is being run. There are many matters which need bringing out and the Review should do this. Leadership and Governance will be the main focus of the Review. It is possible that the Broads Society will be asked to take part in the Peer Review. Keith Bacon stated that the Authority should consult with various stakeholders over procedures and they should be told in advance.

5. Any Other Business

Paul Rice stated the number of Broads Authority Rangers had been reduced so that dredging could be prioritised. There had been no consultation over this even though the AGM had been held the previous week. Paul Rice was concerned that members were not being consulted over matters and asked that the Broads Society send a letter to John Packman expressing their concerns.

Paul Savage remarked that this was an inopportune moment to decrease the Rangers given the recent incidents involving stag parties on boats. There had been a lot of rowdy and incompetent behaviour. Keith Bacon stated that this sort of bad publicity is not good for the Broads or the

industry. The hire boatyards are supposed to inform the police and Broads Authority if they have large stag parties booked.

Paul Rice stated that Suffolk Wildlife Trust had invited the Society to go on a visit and attend a presentation. They would like the Broads Society's views on their plans. Paul will arrange a date and include the Southern Rivers Committee on the visit.

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 8.10pm

Signed (Chairman) Date