

***Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting
held on Monday 4 July 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Hotel Wroxham***

Present: Paul Savage, Lesley Bonshor,
Keith Bacon, Michael Brandon-Jones, Peter Cobb, David Edleston,
John Pitchers

In attendance: Carol Palfrey (Administrator/Committee Secretary)

1 Apologies

Michael Brandon-Jones and David Skinner

The Administrator reported that Robert Paul had returned to the UK and would be returning to the Sub-Committee. He had sent his apologies for this meeting.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 11 April 2016.

The minutes had been circulated and were agreed and signed by the Chair as a true record, subject to the amendment of Minute 7.3 to read "Will Birchnall" and the following addition of a new minute 9.1 under A.O.B:

Cycle Path – Wroxham – Horning

David Edleston drew members' attention to the new cycle route which was constructed in a style more appropriate to an urban location and therefore had an adverse visual impact on this country road.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none

4 Matters Arising

4.1 Cess Staithe (Minute 4.1)

The Broads Authority had asked Norfolk County Council to hold their decision pending the publication of the Staithe Survey.

4.2 Norfolk Show (Minute 5.2)

The Broads Village area on the showground had proved a very effective showcase for Broads related exhibitors. David Edleston had helped with the Society's stand and had a number of suggestions to improve the display; he undertook to discuss these with Jill Wickens. David also drew attention to the amount of work involved in setting up and dismantling the stand.

4.3 CNP Conference (Minute 8.2)

4.4 BA Chief Executive's email updates (Minute 9.1)

Paul Savage had not yet forwarded copies to members of NRSC but would do so in future as promised.

4.5 Cycle Track – Wroxham to Horning (Minute 9.2)

Keith Bacon had contacted Norfolk County Council Rights of Way Liaison Group in connection with the issue which David Edleston had raised at the last meeting. He had been informed that the cycle route would "mellow in time".

5 Matters arising from the Main Committee held on 24 May

A copy of the minutes had been circulated. The following issues were highlighted:

5.1 Eel Sett (Minute 4.1)

It was understood that the Broads Authority was minded to withdraw from its responsibilities as a Trustee.

- 5.2 Charitable Trust (Minute 7)
Keith Bacon reported that there had been a shortage of applications for funding. An advertisement had therefore been published in the EDP resulting in several new applications.
- 5.3 Broads Forum (Minute 8)
The last Forum had been cancelled and the next meeting would take place on 28 July. Tom Williamson would be giving a presentation on staithes.
- 5.4 Berney Arms (Minute
Berney Arms was up for sale. It was rumoured that RSPB and BA might be interested in buying it to safeguard its future and to take account of the implications for moorings. It was noted that CAMRA also had an interest but their funds were limited.

6 Norfolk Hub and NDR

Members repeated their concerns, expressed at the last meeting, about the extent of tree felling to clear the ground in preparation for major residential developments which would change the character of the area.

David Edleston informed that Rackheath and Salhouse were drawing up a neighbourhood plan and he had offered to help.

7 Issues Relating to the Society's Mission

- 7.1 Outing
There was unanimous agreement that this had been a useful and enjoyable exercise. It was agreed to organise another outing in 2017 at the same time of year as the waterways were less crowded and it was a good time to observe wildlife. Keith Bacon's commentary had been much appreciated. Peter Cobb expressed concern at the condition of two live-aboards noted en route; this was part of a wider issue.
- 7.2 Survey of waste disposal facilities
Lesley Bonshor reported that the sites at Ranworth and Upton had been tidied up. It was noted that the Society Chairman had asked for waste disposal to be included in the list of ongoing issues on which the Society should maintain a watching brief. NRSC members undertook to continue monitoring the situation.
- 7.3 Moorings
Paul Savage and Robin Godbeer had had a meeting with the new Chair of NSBA who was keen to raise the issue at the Broads Forum. At the last meeting of the Forum the National Trust representative had asked for an update on the Moorings & Access Strategy. Paul Savage had also written to Adrian Clarke but had not received a response.

8 Planning

- 8.1 Planning applications since February 2016

A list had been circulated.

Ref 4152 – Highs Mill, North East Riverbank, Potter Heigham

Installation of 20m of quayheading with wooden deck. Peter Cobb had not yet had an opportunity to visit the site but would do so in time to meet the consultation deadline. Keith Bacon

reported that there was some local concern that the quay heading might be used for private moorings.

Ref 4145 – Bridge Restaurant, Wroxham

Replacement Restaurant

David Edleston explained that, although he supported the proposal for a replacement restaurant, he was concerned about the visual impact of a two-storey building, particularly in view of its proximity to the bridge which was a historic monument.

8.2 Refusals

None of interest to the Society.

8.3 New applications to considered

There were no new applications.

9 A.O.B

9.1 Footpath – Fleet Dyke, South Walsham

Lesley Bonshor reported the temporary closure of the footpath during work to install a cinder-based “wheelchair friendly” section of the path. Members were puzzled as to the location of the chosen section as it did not connect with the route into the village. They were also of the view that cinder was not an appropriate surface for wheelchairs. The Administrator offered to find out more information from Norfolk County Council.

9.2 Herbert Woods – 90th Anniversary Celebration

This event would take place on Sunday 10 July from 10.00 – 17.00

9 Date of Next Meeting 22 August 2016

The meeting closed at 8.45 pm

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