

## **The Broads Society**

### **Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017 at 7.30 pm at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead.**

Present: Paul Savage, Lesley Bonshor, Peter Cobb, David Edleston and John Pitchers.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator/Committee Secretary).

- 1 Apologies  
Keith Bacon, Michael Brandon-Jones,
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> June.  
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 3 Declarations of Interest  
There were none.
- 4 Matters Arising  
David Edleston stated with regard to 8.2 in June minutes he had reported problems at the Ferry Inn, Horning. David has now spoken with Paul Rice and the Broads Authority are in discussion with the owners of the Ferry Inn. There is a new manager, the play bus and most of the old vehicles have been removed and the grounds have been re-landscaped and there is an improvement. It will be necessary to keep an eye on the situation.
- 5 Matters arising from the Main Committee held on 11<sup>th</sup> July  
  
The Minutes had been circulated for information.  
The following issues were highlighted:  
  
It was noted that Peter Howe wishes to cease being the representative to CNP. David Edleston stated that it is always the same people volunteering to help with tasks, he had offered to man the Broads Society stand at Whiltlingham but could not do this alone. There had been no other volunteers and therefore the Society was not represented at the event. More new volunteers are needed, existing members should be encouraged to help. There is a need to promote and raise awareness of the Society. Perhaps something should be put in Harnser to reflect this.
- 6 Norfolk Hub and NDR  
It was noted that the scheme is overrunning.
- 7 Issues Relating to the Society's Mission  
  
7.1 Outing

After some discussion it was decided that the river inspection/outing could be held in late September, early October and members of the committee were asked to circulate dates they would be available. Paul Savage will then make a booking with Nancy Oldfield Trust.

#### 7.2 Survey of waste disposal facilities

Peter Cobb reported that there does not appear to be any problems, he had checked the facilities at Potter Heigham, Coltishall, Ludham and Salhouse. Hire boat companies have told their customers what to do regarding waste disposal. David Edleston reported that Faircraft Loynes had received an award for their green status. There had been a customer questionnaire on their boats which had asked how green issues could be improved. David suggested that the Society could campaign for better recycling facilities.

#### 7.3 Moorings

Paul Savage said that at the last Forum Meeting there was a report about moorings which stated there is a commitment to, "maintain, as a minimum, the existing moorings available for visitor use", followed by a statement that moorings, "provided by the Broads Authority," had increased since 2006 from c5000 Km to c6500 Km. This gave the misleading impression that the commitment to maintain the "moorings available for visitor use" must have been met. However, they are mutually exclusive categories. In fact, the moorings available for visitor use have dwindled. A further statement in the report said two "new" moorings were to be provided by the BA at Rockland Short Dyke and Berney Arms. In fact, they are merely existing "moorings available for visitor use" which have been recategorised. The true picture is that the total overnight mooring space is going down, not up.

### 8 Planning

8.1 Paul Savage again raised the issue of planning systems. However, asking for a read receipt on the email seems to be the best solution.

### 9 Broads Authority Peer Review

Paul Savage explained that there had been sixteen internal complaints from members or officers of the Broads Authority. There is a lot of disquiet about how the Broads Authority is run, each district council should appoint a representative to the Authority but at present this is not being done. All the power is in the hands of the CEO and Chairman.

The Peer Review will deal with Governance and Leadership and will be held in October. It is likely that the Broads Society will be asked to take part in the Peer Review and Paul Savage stated that if he is asked to give evidence he

would do so. He had drafted a letter which he would send to the Broads Authority first so they could read it as he did not think he would be given sufficient time to explain all the points he needed to put across. Paul will send a draft of the letter round to the Committee.

10 Any Other Business

David Edleston showed the calendar which had been produced using his photographs. The calendar will sell for £8.50 and will be available for collection at the AGM or be sent by post. The Christmas card will also be available.

There had recently been problems with stag parties on hire boats. The hire boat companies should inform the police and Broads Authority if there are large stag parties.

David Edleston stated that there is a site at Acle Bridge which had become derelict but Paul Savage thought there was a sale about to go through for the site.

11 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm

Signed .....

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