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## **The Broads Society**

### ***Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 17 February 2016 at The Angel Inn, Loddon***

**Present:** Colin Dye (Chair), Robin Godber, Don Cleaver and Mike Gross

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

**1 Apologies for Absence**

David Capp, Ian Northover Smith and David Trower  
Not present – John Cressy

**2 Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 December 2015, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

**4 Matters arising**

4.1 Repair to Breach at Hardley Flood (Minute 4.1)

Robin Godber had raised this issue at his meeting with John Packman the previous day. The BA were still trying to obtain action from Norfolk County Council. It was agreed that the Administrator should write to the Clerk of Chedgrave Parish Council asking how the Society could offer support.

*[Following developments subsequent to the meeting the Administrator was asked to defer sending the letter].*

4.2 River Chet (Minute 4.2)

Colin Dye reported that the Broads Hire Boat Federation had written to Trudi Wakelin. She had suggested that the more letters received, the more likely it was that action would be taken to remove the posts which presented a hazard to boats using the Chet. Robin Godber undertook to speak to Paul Mitchelmore (BESL).

4.3 Pyes Mill - Live Aboards (Minute 4.3)

South Norfolk Council were considering the introduction of a licensing scheme and a change in the Bye Laws to control live aboard craft. Colin Dye reiterated his concern about the impact of waste disposal on water quality. If a licensing scheme were introduced, it was agreed that the Society should maintain a watching brief on compliance.

4.4 Width Restrictions (Minute 4.4)

In this meeting with John Packman Robin Godber had asked for information on width restrictions to be included on signage on the Ant and the Chet. It was agreed that the Society should continue to follow up this matter with Trudi Wakelin.

4.5 Landing Stage at Strumpshaw Fen (Minute 4.6)

It was agreed that it would be useful to make contact with RSPB and suggest a meeting with Society representatives ( Robin Godber and Colin Dye).

## **5 Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 26 January 2016**

A copy of the minutes had been circulated. The information was self-explanatory but Robin Godber updated members of SRS-C on the following matters:

### **5.1 Norfolk Show**

Since the Committee meeting the Broads Authority, at the request of the RNAA, had offered to organise a stand focusing on the Broads and planned to hold a meeting of interested parties who might wish to be part of this initiative. The Society would wait for further information before making a decision on whether to participate.

### **5.2 CNP Annual Conference**

The Working Party was actively pursuing potential sponsors. The application form had been uploaded on to the website and Robin Godber would be taking copies of the information booklet to CNP meeting on 8 March. Full details would also be included in the April "Harnser".

### **5.3 Broads Forum**

The agenda had included an item on tolls and further discussion was anticipated.

## **6 Regeneration of the Southern Broads**

There was nothing to report. Colin Dye expressed regret at the loss of two more boatyards in Brundall.

## **7 Planning**

### **7.1 Planning Applications and decisions since the last meeting**

A list had been circulated.

### **7.2 New applications to consider**

One new application and Thorpe St Andrew was considered and it was agreed that there was no objection.

### **7.3 Other planning matters**

There were none.

## **8 A.O.B**

### **8.1 Judicial Review of Broads Authority Branding**

Judgement had been delayed.

### **8.2 Thorpe Island**

John Packman was providing ongoing updates on the situation. The Authority would continue with enforcement action to deal with the continuing breach of planning control

## **9 Dates of Meetings 2016**

Wednesdays: April 27, June 29, August 24, October 26, December 7  
The venue would be the Angel Inn, Loddon.

Signed..... (Chairman)

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