

## BROADS SOCIETY

### Minutes of the Main Committee held on Tuesday 1 November 2016 at the Hotel Wroxham, Wroxham

**Present:** Robin Godber (Chairman), Keith Bacon (Vice-Chairman), Colin Dye,  
Anne Filgate, Peter Horsefield, Richard Reid (Treasurer), Paul Rice,  
Pat Simpson, Paul Savage, Jill Wickens

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

Prior to the business meeting, the Committee received an update from Trudi Wakelin (Director of Operations – Broads Authority). This is recorded in a separate note.

**1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

**2 Declaration of interests**

None related to items on the agenda

**3 Minutes of the Meeting of 20 September 2016**

The minutes, having been circulated, were agreed and signed by the Chairman as a true record subject to an amendment to Minute 14.9 to read "Paul Rice reported that regulations may be changed ....."

**4 Matters Arising**

**4.1 Eel Sett (Minute 4.1)**

There had been little progress since the last meeting. Keith Bacon reported that Eilish Rothney was keen to be involved; she understood that the Broads Authority were in possession of various items of equipment. Since the Broads Authority had been unable to make contact with the Kinder family (one of the three Trustees, the Administrator offered to write to the Dr Kinder who was a Society member enquiring if he wished to be involved in discussions on the future of the Trust. This was agreed.

The Administrator would add the Eel Sett to the insurance questionnaire referring to it as "a small shed". It was not necessary to state the value but it was estimated that this was c. £500. Peter Horsefield suggested that reference to the Eel Sett be made at the AGM.

**5 Finance**

**1 Financial Report to 30 September**

The Treasurer had not prepared the usual report as the bank statement for September was still awaited. However, he gave assurance that the financial position was in line with the forecast.

## 5.2 Proposal to review Administrator's role

A meeting would be arranged to consider options after the AGM. This would involve the Chairman Designate (PR), the Immediate Past Chairman (RG), the Treasurer (RR) and the Administrator (CP). In the meantime, a short advert had been prepared for inclusion in the January issue of Harnser.

## 6 **CNP**

### 1 National Parks Societies Annual Conference 2016 – 21/23 October

Despite the disappointing number of delegates, the Conference had been very successful and positive feedback received from those who attended. Sponsorship by a major company had failed to materialise due to circumstances beyond the Society's control. Peter Horsefield drew attention to the lack of support from Society members, despite enthusiasm expressed at the 2015 AGM.

The Treasurer had prepared a report showing an overall deficit of £1,499 arising from the cancellation charge made by the Conference Centre for unused rooms. Members were reminded that the Society had agreed to subsidise the Conference up to a limit of £2,000 if necessary.

### 2 General

The Society had benefited from the new formula used by CNP for calculating the membership fee. The payment for 2016/17 was £633 compared with £872 last year.

## 7 **Annual General Meeting**

There were three vacancies for committee members for which no nominations had been received. Jill Wickens offered to provide suggestions.

Keith Bacon and Peter Horsefield offered to make independent approaches to Richard Starling.

Peter Horsefield wished to donate a historic Broads book to raise funds and suggested a raffle at the AGM. After discussion, it was agreed to hold an auction between the formal and informal meeting. Paul Rice offered to act as auctioneer.

## 8 **Broadsword**

Paul Savage reported that David Capp's former responsibilities had been shared among Broadsword members. Adrienne Capp would prepare the annual report and Paul would provide a regular report to the Committee. Jack Fawcett had volunteered to take on emergency liaison.

A range of Broadsword tools and out of date consumables had been handed over by Chris Groves. These would be sorted and disposed of as necessary.

Unfortunately, two members had resigned due to difficulties with the BA Volunteer co-ordinator

## **9 Broads Charitable Trust**

There was nothing to report

## **10 Broads Forum**

The next meeting was scheduled for Thursday 3 November.

## **11 Publicity and Promotion**

Paul Rice was keen to move the Society's publicity and promotion activities in a new direction when he became Chairman, and intended to make use of social media.

## **12 Harnser**

Because of Christmas closures the deadline for submission of copy for the January edition would be 20 November. Richardsons had agreed to support the Society by advertising in Harnser.

## **13 Website**

Nick Balls had taken down the Conference page and provided an update on the latest offshore wind farm developments.

## **14 Issues of Concern**

The list had been drawn up originally as an "aide memoire". The Chairman designate supported the Administrator's proposal to keep the details on file, but to raise on the agenda only those items where there was something to report. The Committee agreed this proposal.

For the record the list of concerns is given below:

- i. Pylons – Lowestoft to Norwich.
- ii. Solar Farm Development
- iii. River Chet, Wherrymans Way and Hardley Flood
- iv. Water Quality
- v. Climate Change Adaptation
- vi. Acle Straight
- vii. Norfolk Hub and the Norwich Northern Distributor Road (NDR)
- viii. Fracking
- ix. Refuse disposal
- x. Eel Sett
- xi. Future provision of moorings

**15 Rivers Sub-Committees and General Planning Matters**

15.1 North Rivers Sub-Committee (NRS-C)

Paul Savage reported on the meeting held on 10 October. The Society had objected to a proposal for the replacement of the cottage at Waterworks Lane, Horning. The revised system for dealing with planning applications had been agreed and would be kept under review. The Administrator reported that the change had already resulted in a significant reduction in general paperwork and record keeping.

15.2 Southern Rivers Sub-Committee (SRS-C)

The meeting held on 26 October had agreed to introduce the new system for dealing with planning applications. Membership of the Sub-Committee had been significantly reduced by the deaths of two members.

**16 A.O.B**

Peter Horsefield bade the Committee his formal farewell on this his last meeting.

**17 Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that the regular day for meetings would be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of alternate months

There being no other business, the meeting closed at 9.00 pm

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