

# **The Broads Society**

## ***Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 14 December 2016 at 7.30 pm at the Hotel Wroxham***

**Present:** Paul Savage, Lesley Bonshor, Keith Bacon, Michael Brandon-Jones,  
David Edleston, David Skinner

In attendance: Carol Palfrey (Administrator/Committee Secretary)

### **1 Apologies**

Peter Cobb, John Pitchers

### **2 Minutes of the meeting of 10 November 2016.**

The minutes were circulated at the meeting and agreed with the addition of David Skinner to the list of those present.

### **3 Declarations of Interest**

There were none

### **4 Matters Arising**

#### **4.1 Planning – Wroxham Bridge Restaurant (Minute 4.3)**

David Edleston pointed out that, although the Society had expressed its concerns about this application in response to the consultation, the Broads Authority website stated the Society had not responded. The Administrator was asked to point out this omission to the Authority and to request that the original letter be posted on the website as a matter of record.

### **5 Matters arising from the Main Committee held on 7 November and meeting with Trudi Wakelin**

A copy of the minutes and the note on the meeting with Trudi Wakelin had been circulated. The following issues were highlighted:

#### **5.1 Hickling Broad**

The Norfolk Wildlife Trust was raising funds to purchase the section of the Broads which they currently managed under lease. The temperature had dropped to a level which permitted work to begin on the latest phase of the enhancement project.

#### **5.2 Ludham Bridge Footpath**

The Broads Authority was trying to contact the land agent to secure agreement that the Authority is not required to erect a gate. The official opening will take place in the Spring but the path will be open to the public before then. The footpath at How Hill had been cut but the sluice was still blocked.

#### **5.3 Meeting on Climate Change**

The meeting convened by the Broads Authority on 3 November had been well attended. Keith Bacon was optimistic about the prospect of a barrier at Yarmouth. However, there was an urgent need for strengthening of the river wall.

#### **5.4 Tolls**

The report had been accepted by the Broads Authority.

#### **5.5 Moorings – Thurne Mouth**

These were 24 hour moorings. The Authority was continuing its efforts to secure a new lease agreement with the landowner.

#### **5.6 Broads Society AGM**

It was noted that attendance had been lower than usual. David Edleston wondered if this was because there had been no guest speaker. He suggested that, for next year's AGM, an approach might be made to the person who had set up the website "Broadland Memories".

Lesley Bonshor referred to a recent BBC TV programme "The Flying Archaeologist" which had featured the Norfolk Broads and thought that a speaker on Archaeology and the Broads might be a possibility. It was noted the post of County Archaeologist was currently vacant.

## **6 Norfolk Hub and NDR**

Nothing to report

## **7 Issues Relating to the Society's Mission**

### **7.1 Outing**

It was decided to organise an outing along the River Ant in 2017. David Skinner offered the use of his boat provided a mutually convenient date could be found (avoiding Bank Holidays) in late April or May.

Saturday 6 May was suggested but it was agreed that it was not necessary to restrict the trip to weekends.

David Edleston offered to make enquiries with Richardson's Boats and report back.

### **7.2 Survey of waste disposal facilities**

In her report to the Main Committee, Trudi Wakelin had confirmed that a draft policy had been agreed by the BA in September. Discussions were under way with relevant Parish Councils. Nonetheless, it was agreed that NRSC members should continue to monitor the situation.

### **7.3 Moorings**

Fairhaven Gardens were proposing to install moorings to enable access via the water. However, they had not yet come to an agreement with the Broads Authority as to which type of mooring would be acceptable. Members expressed support in principle for providing moorings but would defer comment until the planning application was submitted.

Paul Savage had not yet met with Mike Whittaker.

It was agreed that Barbara Greasley would be a useful ally.

## **8 Planning**

### **8.1 Planning applications**

The new system was working well. However, the Administrator felt it important to provide further clarification on the procedures: (i) all members of the Sub-Committee were invited to comment on all applications (irrespective of the "special responsibilities" conferred under the previous arrangement); (ii) if members had no comments, it would be helpful if they could send an email to the Administrator confirming that this was the case. These procedures would ensure that the weekly lists were given adequate consideration.

### **8.2 General Planning Matters**

David Edleston drew attention to the new dwelling at the corner of Wroxham Broad, the site of which Society had viewed during

one of their boat trips. In response to the planning application, the Society had submitted positive comments on the contemporary design. The completed building had received coverage in the Architects Journal which had described the design as “contemporary interpretation of Broads vernacular”. David offered to email the article to members and undertook to investigate the possibility of a visit. In the meantime, if members wished to refer to the application on the BA website, the reference was BA/2013/0135/FUL.

9 A.O.B

There was no other business

**9 Date of Meetings 2017**

Mondays: February 13, April 17, June 12, August 14, October 9, December 11

The meeting closed at 8.30 pm

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