

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th December 2017 at 7.30 pm at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Present: Paul Savage, Lesley Bonshor, Michael Brandon-Jones, Robert Paul and David Edleston

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

- 1 Apologies
Keith Bacon, Peter Cobb, John Pitchers.
- 2 Minutes of the meeting of 9th October
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.
- 3 Declarations of Interest
There were none.
- 4 Matters Arising
Paul Savage reported that at the last Broads Forum meeting Forum Members were asked to review the effectiveness of the Forum. One member had asked that the Peer Review should also be discussed. They were informed that the review of the effectiveness of The Forum had arisen out of the Peer Review. Paul Savage understood the Peer Review was concerned at the conflict between Local Authority appointed members of the Broads Authority and Secretary of State appointees.
- 5 Matters arising from the Main Committee held on 6th November.
Paul Savage received permission from the Main Committee for George Cooper to carry out chain saw training, the Broads Society agreed to pay for his clothing.

David Edleston asked if anything more had been heard from the man who had offered advice. Paul Savage had agreed to meet with the Broads Society member who had offered his assistance at the AGM but he had been unable to attend.

Broadsword are hoping to restore Johnny Crowe Staithe at Catfield, they need permission from the landowner, Catfield Parish Council. Broadsword hope to have help from the Explorer Scouts to do this work and Paul thinks they would be covered by the BS public liability insurance. Paul will be taking the members to have a look at the site. Paul Savage explained that the Broads Authority staff cannot do anything in terms of maintenance to the scrub on the banks without the say so of the Environment Agency and Forestry Commission. Paul does not think there are any restrictions on the Parish Council land but felt that it would be diplomatic to discuss this work with Rob Rogers.
- 6 Norfolk Hub and NDR
Lesley Bonshor said that she had read the road from Wroxham was going to be closed for several weeks to complete NDR work. It was noted that one section of the road is already open.
- 7 Issues Relating to the Society's Mission
Paul Savage stated that he was disappointed that the Broads Society had not been consulted for the Peer Review. He had written a letter to the Broads Authority to be considered. Since then Paul had noticed in the minutes of the last Broads Authority meeting a list of stakeholders, the Broads Society was

not included in the list. The Broads Society had not been sent a consultation for the Local Plan, this was a great concern. Paul will bring this matter up at the next Main Committee meeting and suggest that a letter is sent to the BA asking if Broads Society is no longer a consultee and ask that they are reinstated. Paul also noted that the Director of Operations no longer attends Broads Society meetings. It was generally agreed this matter should be taken up by the Main Committee.

- 8 BA/2017/0376/FUL Replacement reception and dinghy store at Wayford Park River Holidays, Wayford Road, Wayford Bridge. Michael Brandon-Jones visited this site and in his opinion there was no way the building would be a problem.

David Edleston stated that with regard to the consultation for Somerton he did not think there were any issues to be concerned about.

It was noted that a recent planning application for a reservoir at Catfield had now been refused.

Robert Paul said that basins keep being added at Stalham Staithe.

David Edleston commented that some of the applications received are away from the river but he had looked at them all.

- 9 Any Other Business
The Broads Local Plan will be circulated.

David Edleston stated that the profile of the Broads Society needs to be raised, he was disappointed at the number of people who attended the AGM. David thought that a speaker should be sought earlier and this should be included in the AGM booklet. David will be raising this at the next publicity meeting in the New Year.

- 11 Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 12th February in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm. A list of suggested dates for next year will be circulated.

The meeting closed at 9pm

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