

## The Broads Society

### Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting

held on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> April 2018 at 7.30 pm at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Present: Paul Savage, Keith Bacon, Lesley Bonshor Michael Brandon-Jones, Peter Cobb, David Edleston, and John Pitchers

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

1 Apologies  
Robert Paul

2 Minutes of the meeting of 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018.  
The minutes were signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of Interest  
There were none.

4 Matters Arising

Lesley Bonshor said that with regard to item 8 in the previous minutes regarding comments on planning applications she agreed with David Edleston that comments should be made on planning applications even if they cannot be visible from the river. Lesley said that there used to be a comment sheet with planning applications. David stated he had been concerned over the scale of the application for Halvergate Marshes and thought that comments should be made if applications have an impact on the Broads administrative area. Keith Bacon stated that the committee is here to comment on planning developments in the Broads Executive Area regardless of whether it can be seen from the river. The Broads Authority are consultees for some District Councils and they in turn consult the Broads Society.

Paul Savage reported that Robert Paul had commented about the signs at Ludham Bridge at the previous meeting, this matter has been taken up by Paul Rice.

David Edleston said that he had some leaflets for boat hire companies in readiness for organise the annual Northern Rivers inspection outing. It was agreed to discuss a date at the next meeting for possibly October

5 David Edleston reported that the publicity boards will be ready for the Horning Boat Show at the beginning of May. He thanked those who had contributed. Nick Balls had offered to produce the boards which will have one large photograph with text over the top. The text will be in plain English and David hopes that people will then understand what the Broads Society does from the information on the boards.

Paul Savage stated that the Eel Sett continues slowly forward.

David Edleston said it was interesting to see that Paul Rice is now Vice-Chair of the Broads Authority Planning, there could be a potential conflict of interest with the Broads Authority. Paul Savage replied that Northern Rivers do not consult the Main Committee over planning applications, they report back to the Main Committee but the Chairman does not take part in any discussions or decisions.

Paul Savage reported that he had a meeting with John Packman about the Broads Forum to see what the Forum could do to improve itself. The next Broads Forum meeting will be on April 26<sup>th</sup>.

Paul Savage stated that with regard to Broadsword work to be carried out at Johnny Crowe Staithe in Catfield. Paul thought it would be a good idea to interpretation boards for information. Paul will meet with Keith onsite to discuss the work.

6 Issues Relating to the Society's Mission

6.1 Survey of Waste Disposal

Peter Cobb reported that there had only been limited use of facilities over Easter as the weather had been so bad. He has not been told of any problems but will keep an eye on the situation.

Lesley Bonshor said there was no longer a bin at Ranworth but perhaps one will be put there soon. Paul Savage said that Rob Rogers from the BA should be attending a Main Committee meeting so Paul will ask him about this.

6.2 Moorings

Paul Savage said that he had received the Green Book which says that Broad Farm is back in use but Paul was not sure if the pontoons were back in place.

7 Planning

Peter Cobb declared an interest in a planning application and left the room for the discussion.

There was some discussion over the planning application for Anchor Street, Coltishall. Paul Savage had sent in comments regarding the application which was for a listed building in a conservation area. However the comments had not shown up on the Broads Authority website as being from the Broads Society, Paul has asked for this to be rectified. Peter Cobb and John Pitchers took no part in the discussion over this application. Paul went on to say that it is likely there will be a site visit and North Rivers Committee should be invited to send a representative.

8 Any Other Business

There was nothing to discuss.

9 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm

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