
The Broads Society

Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 13th December 2017 at The Yare, Brundall.

Present: Colin Dye (Chair), Robin Godber, Don Cleaver, Ian Witard.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

1 Apologies for Absence

Mike Gross, Ian and Penney Northover-Smith.

2 Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th October 2017, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 AGM Report

The AGM report had been in the recent edition of Harnser.

Election of Southern Rivers Committee Chairman

Colin Dye proposed that Robin Godber should become the new Chairman of the Committee, this was seconded by Ian Witard with all in agreement.

5 Matters arising

5.1 Hardley Flood, Wherrymans Way and River Chet

It was noted that work has commenced onsite and there was a piece in the EDP saying that thirty-three post had been removed already.

5.2 Pyes Mill

Robin Godber reported that it is now quieter at Pyes Mill. The boat which had sunk has now been raised and there are no more live aboards. The staithe has been clear for some time.

5.3 Landing Stage at Strumpshaw Fen

Ian Witard said that English Heritage and the RSPB have got some money and they plan to refurbish the pump house and chimney as there is only one left in the Broads area. They will clean the pump, stabilize the chimney and hopefully make it into a visitor attraction. The steam engine workings are still there. This work will start in the spring. It would be a good idea to have a landing stage at Strumpshaw Fen if this is to attract visitors. Ian will make contact with Tim Strudwick and try and set up a meeting for himself and Colin Dye.

5.4 Beccles and Oulton Broad Yacht Stations

With regard to Pegasus at Oulton Broad there was no change, the tidying up is ongoing. There should be more facilities for private boats.

6 Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 6th November 2017

A copy of the minutes had been circulated. It was noted that the Eel Sett is ongoing. The Broads Authority are keen to give up their participation although they use the Eel Sett quite a lot. It as suggested that the Broads Society should charge them to use the facility.

7 Regeneration of the Southern Broads

Robin Godber stated that there had still be no response to his letter to the Chamber of Commerce. Don Cleaver suggested that Robin contact Jimmy Clabburn, this will be done in the New Year. There is a study work on the riverside in Norwich. Planning and development takes time to come to fruition. We should try and get the City to see the potential that is there but they don't like being told what to do. It appears that crossing Breydon Water puts a lot of people off using the Southern Rivers. Colin Dye stated that the Broads Authority make huge safety issues of Breydon Water and this frightens people, it is not difficult. Ian Witard asked if there was anything that could be done at Yarmouth yacht Station to get people to go across Breydon Water.

8 Planning

Robin Godber stated that there was nothing controversial. Robin had gone through the Local Plan and there were some salient points regarding housing and navigation.

9 A.O.B

Colin Dye stated that it would be a good idea to try and attract some new members to Southern Rivers Committee. Don Cleaver said it would be good to see some Norwich based people on the Committee. It was agreed to put a piece in the next Harnser and on the website.

10 Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 21st February at Chedgrave.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date