

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Wednesday 6th December 2018 by kind invitation of Don Cleaver at 4 Beccles Road, Loddon, NR14 6JQ

Present: Robin Godber (Chair), Don Cleaver, Colin Dye, Mike Jenner, Chris Mutten, Peter Smith.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

1. Apologies for Absence

John Cressey, Ian Witard.

2. Minutes of the last Meeting

The minutes of the meeting held on 17th October, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Declarations of Interest

Chris Mutten stated that he lives in Reedham and is a friend of the main objector, Chris Day.

4. Matters Arising

4.1 River Chet

Robin Godber stated that this are still moving slowly although hopefully over the winter the dredging will build up the banks and next season we can look towards rebuilding the path. Colin Dye asked if BESL had removed the damaged piling, Robin will check with John Cressey.

4.2 Pyes Mill

Don Cleaver said he had been at Pyes Mill two weeks ago and there had only been small boat.

4.3 Waveney Forest

Nothing to mention.

4.4 Beccles and Oulton Broad Yacht Stations

Nothing to discuss.

5. Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 12th November 2018

This meeting mostly discussed the AGM and the Glover Review. Paul Savage has been doing a lot of work on the Review and Robin will attend Northern Rivers meeting on Monday 10th December. Robin and Mike had completed the online questionnaire.

Peter Smith stated that the other National Parks have members from the community. Robin replied that not many people live with the Broads Executive Area, the BA need proper elections and they need to involve the local community.

Colin Dye stated that there should be better representation for Toll Payers as they contributed over half the BA income.

6. Regeneration of the Southern Broads

Robin Godber said that he and several members of the Society had attended the Broads Engage Workshop at Acle last month. This was led by staff from the Broads Authority. Attendees were divided into groups, the first half of the workshop discussed access and footpaths, there was a BA representative on each table. A map was provided. Useful comments were made regarding Wherryman's Way, the permissive footpath at Langley that had been closed by the new landowner and the Broads Authority had not pressed to keep it open. The second half of the workshop discussed mooring provision. Moorings are not a problem on the Southern Rivers but we would like to see more river traffic. Adrian Clarke, Senior Waterways and Recreation Office at the BA, has written a report.

7. Planning

7.1 BA/2018/0359/FUL Demolition of shed, erect boat workshop, 4 residential dwellings, car park and landscaping at Sanderson Marine Craft, Reedham. Peter Smith and Chris Mutten attended the latest Reedham Parish Council meeting. Peter had drafted a response which was circulated. Mike Jenner stated that any redevelopment of a boatyard is welcome, this helps to promote the Southern Rivers. There had been objections to the size of the proposed shed. Colin Dye agreed that it is important to carry on as a boatyard, it cannot carry on in the present state as modern boatyards need height so they get the boats inside. It is important to keep the services of the boatyard for pump outs, water and diesel.

Don Cleaver stated that in order to build the new boat workshop the owners need to sell the land with residential planning permission.

The Parish Council decided not to comment on the application.

Colin Dye proposed that the letter written by Peter Smith should be accepted, this was seconded by Mike Jenner with all in favour.

7.2 BA/2018/0149/FUL Broadlands Marina, Marsh Lane, Oulton Broad 40 new private and 15 new visitor pontoon moorings as an extension to the Marina; removal of 30 moorings and a section of jetty; creation of additional reedbed, and reinstatement of slipway and pump out facilities.

Peter Smith attended a site meeting the previous week, there had been objections to power boat racing. However, Robin remarked that power boat racing had been taking place since the 1920's.

Colin Dye stated that we have to support fifteen visitor moorings as this is what Southern Rivers has been asking for.

Peter stated that signage is needed on the Broads to bring people in, specially for pump outs and water. Peter had prepared a response to the application which will be sent.

Peter Smith had also prepared a report on Riverside in Norwich, Robin had sent this on to Adrian Clarke and Alec Hartley of the Wensum River Parkway project who were impressed. The Sea Scouts have gone. The contrast between the two sides of the rivers was noted with the Cathedral side being immaculate. This report could go in a future edition of Harnser.

Robin Godber stated that there is a planning application for Bridge Street, Lowestoft but it cannot be seen from the Yacht Station so there is no problem.

Peter said that he thought the Broads Society should respond to all planning applications just to show we have read them. Perhaps it should automatically be accepted that if no response to Sarah is made that a "no objection" comment will be made. Robin will raise this at the Main Committee meeting.

8. A.O.B

The paperwork for the Norfolk Show has been received and will be completed and sent back. The location of the Broads Village will be different next year.

Peter would like to prepare a newsletter which can be sent out to all ninety-three parishes within the Broads Area.

9. Date of Next Meeting

It was agreed the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 27th February at B rundall.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date