

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 11th February 2019 at 7.30 pm at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

Present: Paul Savage, Lesley Bonshor, Michael Brandon-Jones, Peter Cobb, David Edleston.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator Secretary).

1 Apologies: Robert Paul.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 10th December 2018.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record of the meeting.

3 Declarations of Interest

There were none.

4 Matters Arising

Nothing to discuss.

5 Minutes of the Main Committee

Paul Savage reported that the Glover Review had been discussed.

David Edleston reported that Peter Smith has taken over for publicity, he had produced a newsletter which had been sent to all parish council within the Broads Executive Areas and had been put on the website. The newsletter stated that the Society would give advice to parish councils relating to planning matters, David thought this was not a role the Society should be playing. It was agreed that we are here to provide assistance but not professional advice.

Paul Savage reported that George had passed his test and Broadsword would be working on Chromes Dyke.

Paul attend the Broads Engage Workshop which had taken over from the Forum. A report had been produced from the Workshop which records recommendations as "noted".

Paul Savage looked into the purchase of the Acle Bridge site by the Broads Authority, the money for this came from ring fenced navigation income. Paul had approached five members about this but so far received no reply. A new visitor centre would come under the "recreation" statutory purpose.

The Broads Authority complaints procedure has been updated and includes treating a complaint as unreasonable or frivolous or vexatious, whenever the

same complaint is made at the same time to a list of persons, including MPs. This appears to be an infringement of Freedom of Expression.

6 Disposal of Waste
There had been no problems.

7 Planning
Lesley Bonshor ask for clarification on the criteria for supporting applications. David stated that if there is positive improvement or enhancement an application should be supported. David went on to say that it is rare for an application to be refused.

David noted that there are various locations the Local Plan can be viewed and asked if the Broads Society would be responding. Michael Brandon-Jones reported o regarding the application in Stalham for five new dwellings; 4 terrace houses and one bungalow. Highways had objected to this application due to access issues. The application was reduced to three houses have now been submitted but has now been withdrawn.

David Edleston stated that there tends to be a larger number of planning application for Hoveton and Wroxham than some of the other parishes, he thought it would be better to have two people responsible for some parishes. Lesley Bonshor agreed to share the parishes with David.

Peter Cobb will cover Coltishall, Michael and Robert Paul will cover Smallburgh, Wayford and Dilham.

8 Any Other Business
The river trip was discussed, David thought it would be a good idea to have the boat trip in the spring of 2020 or just meet at Acle Bridge. There was some discussion on this. Paul Savage will look at the tides and will see if it is possible to sail along the Lower Bure to look at Marina Quays.

9 Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 9th April in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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