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**The Broads Society**

***Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting  
held on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019  
at the Yare Public House, Brundall***

**Present:** Robin Godber Colin Dye, John Cressey, Mike Jenner, , Peter Smith, Ian Witard.

**In attendance:** Sarah Vergette (Administrator).

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Chris Mutton.

Colin Dye chaired this part of the meeting. It was noted that Robin Godber was in attendance as President of the Broads Society. Colin asked for nominations for a new Chairman of Southern Rivers Sub-Committee. Peter Smith volunteered to be Chairman and took the chair.

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> December, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

John Cressey stated that he son owns Topcraft at Oulton Broad.

**4. Matters Arising**

Peter Smith stated that CNP are not keen on having people elected from the parishes.

Peter Smith went on to say that toll payers get good value for money and noted that the Broads Authority had sent out the toll reminders early.

Colin Dye stated that the Waveney River Centre is going back to running a hire fleet, this is a positive step for the Southern Broads.

Robin Godber stated that with regard to the River Chet he had not been able to get hold of Adrian Clarke, the bank is being built up and it is hoped the footpath will be reinstated as soon as possible.

With regard to Pyes Mill there are boats moored there that have not paid tolls, the twenty-four hour moorings are being abused. A letter will be sent to the Navigation Committee stating that members of Southern Rivers Sub-committee are concerned that there are boats permanently moored at Pyes Mill that have no boat safety insurance, are not paying their tolls and this is putting visitors off coming to Loddon. The Business Association is also complaining about these boats.

With regard to the permissive footpath at Langley the Broads Authority have not kept this open.

**5. Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2019**

Peter Smith went through the minutes of the last Main Committee meeting.

Peter Smith is trying to get something going regarding waste, he had written a discussion paper on this subject. He is trying to get a stand at Thurne village fete and the Society will attend the Brundall Boat Show in addition to the St George's Day event at Thorpe and the Royal Norfolk Show.

**6. Regeneration of the Southern Broads**

There has been no feedback regarding the plans for Riverside at Thorpe.

**7. Planning**

Peter Smith stated that with regard to the planning application for Sandersons at Reedham this was still under discussion, more information has been put on the Broads Authority website.

There has been nothing further regarding Broadland Marina at Oulton Broad.

Peter Smith stated that Oulton Broad Parish Council supported two planning applications which were in a Conservation Area, they will probably be rejected by the Broads Authority in their present form.

John Cressey stated that his son has purchased Topcraft at Oulton Broad, he will be putting in pontoons and will build a toilet and shower block, also pump out facilities. Robin Godber stated that the BS should support this facility.

John Cressey went on to say that his nephew has tentative permission for twelve Dutch barges at Marina Quays for people to live on. There will be private moorings plus five houses at the back. The Broads Authority have to provide a certain number of residential moorings on the Broads under a Government directive.

**8. A.O.B**

Mike Jenner stated that it will be interesting to see if Thorpe Council improve signage and facilities at Thorpe River Green this summer . On the same stretch of river, Town House intend to put in a renewed quay heading two levels ; one for canoes and the other for hire craft with electric plug in points .

This could be an attraction if it is developed.

Thanks were given to Robin Godber for all that he has done on the Committee over the years.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

It was agreed that all future meetings would be held at Brundall and the next meeting would be held on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

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