

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 10th June 2019 at 7.30 pm at The New Victory Hall, Neatishead.

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

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator Secretary).

- 1 **Apologies:** Robert Paul apologised that he had a meeting to attend earlier and would join this meeting afterwards.

- 2 **Minutes of the meeting of 8th April 2019.**
The Minutes of the previous meeting were signed as a true record of the meeting.

- 3 Declarations of Interest
Nothing to declare.

- 4 **Matters Arising**
Nothing to discuss.

- 5 David Edleston stated that he was very concerned regarding the future of Harnser. The Publicity Committee had been set up two years ago, to meet twice a year to discuss events and promotion of the Society. The Committee was made up of David Edleston, Robert Paul, Paul Rice and Jill Wickens with the Administrator also in attendance. Last year Peter Smith took the role of Chairman of the Committee and Jill Wickens is no longer a member.

An urgent meeting was called for 23rd April to discuss the future of Harnser, Robert Paul was not in attendance. Paul Rice suggested that the Publicity Committee take over Harnser, although nothing was discussed about how this was to be achieved, despite the amount of work required for the production and publication of Harnser.

David suggested there should be an overlap period with Jill until she gains the expertise to produce the magazine.

Following the last meeting of the Main Committee Jill informed the Committee that July would be the last edition she produces.

David stated that the October edition needs to be started now but there is no action plan or resources in place to proceed with this. Keith stated that there is the added complication in that the AGM information goes out with Harnser in October. Keith said that Harnser is the principle way of contact with Broads Society members and the main thing is to keep the membership happy. David suggested that the best way forward would be to pay someone

to put the magazine together. Keith stated that an editor is needed not a committee to produce the magazine.

David has taken the images for cards and calendars to Barnwell Print but he was unsure if they would be ready in time for the Royal Norfolk Show.

Paul Savage stated that this will be brought up at the next Main Committee meeting.

Keith Bacon reported that there had been many changes at the Broads Authority, Paul Rice is no longer a District Councillor and therefore no longer a member of the BA. Hadyn Thirtle is no longer the Chairman of the Broads Authority as he is no longer a District Councillor and has been replaced as a County Council representative. James Knight now represents South Norfolk on the Broads Authority. A new chairman will be elected on 31st July. Paul Savage stated that the Authority is expecting a couple of new Defra members, the Society should be offering support to liaise with new Local Authority members and heads of Local Authorities.

Keith went on to say that staffing changes at the Broads Authority would affect the Broads Society; Adrian Clarke has resigned and moved away. The BA took this opportunity to review this department, they made Adrian's assistant redundant along with Simon Hooton. The Access and Moorings department will now come under Operations.

Paul Savage and Paul Rice recently went to London and met with Norman Lamb MP and representatives of two other MPs. Norman Lamb MP met with Julian Glover in connection with the Review. Mr Glover felt that having twenty-one members on the Broads Authority was too many and would suggest to Parliament that the framework for National Parks should be scrapped and replaced with Boards of Directors.

David Edleston asked about the situation at Stalham Staithe. Paul Savage stated that he has been instructed to contact Stalham Town Council, he has spoken to the clerk. There has been uncertainty about who owns the Staithe. Keith Bacon explained that there are two Staithes; one is owned by the Pools Trust and the other by Highways. The Pools Trust would like to pass the responsibility over to the Town Council. There are boats moored permanently on the twenty-four hour moorings, they are unsightly.

Keith stated that he had been to Stalham Staithe at the weekend, he had been helping the new members of the Town Council who seem to be more proactive. One solution might be for the staithe to be leased to the Broads Authority who could then apply their rules and byelaws along with having the power to move people off the staithe.

Paul Savage stated that the clerk to the Town Council had investigated and had obtained old records which show that the staithe has an adopted highway up against the river's edge, highways have adopted responsibility for the

staithe. Stalham Town Council recently paid for the quay heading to be replaced. The County Council says they have no power to stop anyone mooring. Paul stated that there is to be a meeting to discuss the best way forward with the Town Council, Highways and the Broads Authority, he has been invited to attend.

Robert paul joined the meeting at the point having been to Stalham Town Council's meeting. Robert said there are huge problems with abuse, dog fouling and toilets being pumped out into the river which is against the byelaw.

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6.1 Disposal of Waste

There had been no problems.

6.2 Moorings

Keith reported that the Access and Mooring Strategy goes before the Navigation Committee and then back to Broads Authority on 31st July.

6.3 Harnser

As above.

6.4 Glover Review – this was covered under the Main Committee item.

6.5 Acle Bridge

Paul Savage updated the committee on the current situation.

7 Planning

Paul Savage stated that the main objectors to the Marina Quays application were concerned about disturbance from the live aboards. Paul Savage sent a response stated that the principle the Broads Society were in favour and accepts that a certain amount of building is needed to fund the development.

An application for barn at Belaugh has been refused permission.

David Edleston stated that the application for South Walsham has been withdrawn.

8 Any Other Business

Nothing to discuss.

9 Date of next meeting

The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 12th August in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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