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**The Broads Society**

***Minutes of the Southern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting  
held on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2019  
at the Yare Public House, Brundall***

**Present:** Colin Dye, Mike Jenner, Peter Smith, Ian Witard.

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

**1. Apologies for Absence**

Robin Godber, Chris Mutton.

**2. Minutes of the last Meeting**

The minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> April, having been circulated, were agreed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were none.

**4. Matters Arising**

4.1 & 4.2 River Chet & Pyes Mill – There had been no update regarding these issues and it was agreed to send a letter to the Chief Executive with a copy to James Knight who is now the local members for South Norfolk.

**5. Matters Arising from the Main Committee held on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019**

Peter Smith stated that he attended the Broads Forum meeting which was quite good. Lots of parishes had been represented.

Peter went on to say that the Publicity Committee met the previous evening and were ready to go for the October issue of Harnser. The calendar should be ready for the Norfolk Show, also some blank cards.

Peter Smith said that the Broads Authority are taking more interest in anti-social behaviour. Colin Dye stated that there had been very few incidents but they had been well publicised.

Peter Smith and Paul Savage had visited the Marina Quays site and Paul had submitted a response.

**6. Regeneration of the Southern Broads**

Peter Smith made contact with the Norwich Society regarding the riverside in Norwich. Peter had been told that someone would get back to him but they have not. He will try to make contact again. Peter thought the clearing of the riverside could be a project for Broadsword.

Mike Jenner said there was nothing factual about wild moorings, he would like a survey to be carried out of Broadland users to find out the key issues why they do not use the southern rivers. There are complaints that it is not possible to easily moor up on the northern rivers. A survey could be done through the boatyards not only for visitors but for private boat users as well.

Colin thought this was a good idea. The main problem is that people talk about the North Broads and South Broads, it would be good to make the Broads one, not two separate areas. Boats should be encouraged to pass through Great Yarmouth. Colin will speak to Tony Howes at the Broads Hire Boat Federation.

Ian Witard thought there had been a lot of talk about the danger of crossing Breydon Water this had not helped.

It was agreed that this should be referred to the Main Committee for discussion.

**7. Planning**

Peter Smith stated that there were very good comments from the BA regarding the Topcraft application which has now been passed.

Some of the comments submitted by the Broads Society do not appear on the BA website, Peter suggested there could be a better way of getting comments online.

Peter Smith suggested that someone from the Planning Department should be asked to speak at the AGM regarding the Local Plan.

Planning Application: BA/2019/0107/FUL | New driveway and foot paths (part retrospective) | White House Farm Thorpe Road Haddiscoe Norfolk NR14 6PP. The Broads Society has no objections to this application subject to the Highways Officers approval. However, this is another application where pre submission advice would have been to the applicant's advantage.

**8. A.O.B**

Chris Mutten had asked for a discussion on the silting of rivers where the steel piling had been removed. It was agreed to defer this until the next meeting when Chris would be in attendance.

Colin was concerned about the lack of wildlife around Brundall, there are no ducks. He wondered if this was similar in other areas. Mike replied that there were a lot of otters in the river system. Ian had not noticed anything on the Reserve. This will be brought up at the Main Committee meeting.

**9. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at Brundall on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> August.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

Signed..... (Chairman)

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