

The Broads Society

Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting held on Monday 12th August 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.

2 Minutes of the meeting of 10th June 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

David Edleston reported that the problem with Harnser had been sorted out for now. Jill Wickens has agreed to produce the October issue and the AGM booklet.

Paul Savage reported that he had attended Stalham Town Council's meeting with regard to the problems at Stalham Staithe. Rob Rogers had also been attendance. The Broads Authority would be willing to manage the Staithe provided they could have a contract with whoever owns the Staithe. Ownership of the riverbank is unclear, Stalham Town Council are the only entity who want it, they will need to register the land with the Land Registry.

Paul suggested that the Broads Authority has the power to move boats on if they are obstructing someone else in their enjoyment of their navigation. Keith Bacon stated that they could apply their own byelaws.

Keith attended the last Stalham Town Council meeting where the police were also in attendance but they seem to sympathise with the people on the live aboards.

Keith attended the Broads Authority meeting on 31st July when a new Chairman was appointed, Bill Dickson. Matthew Bradbury is Vice-Chair.

Paul Savage stated that the Local Members feels that local representations should be effective. John Packman wanted a small Board of Directors of about six or seven, Julian Glover is in favour of this for all National Parks.

5 Minutes of the Main Committee

Paul Savage thought Mike Jenner's idea of a survey of boat users was a very good idea.

The AGM will be held on 16th November at the Norfolk Broads Yacht Club.

David Edleston brought a copy of the 2020 calendar with him which has been on sale at the events and some have been sold. In addition to this four blank cards have been printed.

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6.1 Disposal of Waste

There is a new NNDC recycling centre at Neatishead staithe. David stated that it was a good example of dealing with rubbish on the Broads. Peter Smith will be writing an article on this subject.

6.2 Moorings

Paul Savage referred to the Broads Authority's new Draft Integrated Access Strategy Action Plan, he is trying to correspond on this whilst it is still in draft form. Adrian Clarke, the author, refers to "sites formally managed for the purpose of mooring vessels". Keith stated that this excludes informal moorings. Paul stated that the first Plan was adopted in 2009 and much of it is still current mooring policy. There was a commitment to maintain moorings as a minimum for visitor use. Paul had asked through the Broads forum what the current situation was.

Paul did an informal check from Womack Dyke to the mouth of the Ant as far as Barton Broads, there were sixty-nine boats not moored on twenty-four hour moorings. It is impossible for boats to find anywhere to moor at night.

Paul had asked Nicky Talbot for a discussion.

Paul passed through Great Yarmouth Yacht Station and noticed that the handles had been removed from the wooden structure which are used as de-masting facilities.

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Planning

Paul Savage reported that with regard to the project for Acle Bridge, the land had been purchased with Navigation monies. John Packman said this would be repaid.

Peter Cobb mentioned that a planning application for a barn at Belaugh had been refused. Peter also asked about the planning application for the pods at Ludham Bridge, Paul stated that this application had been withdrawn.

Paul reported that the application for Marina Quays had been approved with conditions. The plan of the site showed mooring spaces for the properties, these will pontoons which will get around the need for dredging the river but will make it narrower.

David stated that there have been fewer development proposals than in recent years, there has been nothing controversial.

It was noted that the building, to be replaced by the BA's proposed redevelopment, at Acle Bridge is on a list of properties of local interest.

8 Any Other Business
Nothing to discuss.

9 Date of next meeting
The date of the next meeting was set for Monday 14th October in the New Victory Hall, Neatishead at 7.30pm.

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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