

The Broads Society

***Minutes of the Northern Rivers Sub-Committee Meeting
held on Monday 14th October 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, Robert Paul.

In attendance: Sarah Vergette (Administrator Secretary).

1 Apologies:

2 Minutes of the meeting of 12th August 2019.

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

3 Declarations of Interest

Paul Savage stated that he thought he should declare an interest in a development to a bungalow which is visible from his property. The bungalow had been bought by a builder who has started without planning permission. The property is in open countryside, Natural England and the Broads Authority should be notified if there is a planning application because it is in the RAMSAR "Risk Zone 2".

4 Matters Arising

The Broads Authority will cease to manage Whitlingham Country Park next year. The BA's educational work there will cease. Keith Bacon stated that Water Mills and Marshes had intended to buy a large boat as a mobile classroom.

Robert Paul asked if there had been any further information regarding Stalham Staithe, some of the boats have returned to the Staithe and are a problem. Paul Savage explained that once Stalham Town Council have the Title to the land registered the Broads Authority intend to take ownership. Robert stated that he understood Highways were going to carry out repairs to the one metre strip of land, this might make the boats leave again.

Paul Savage stated that the Staithe is part of the navigation, if navigation is impeded the BA could move them on using "special directions".

Keith Bacon stated that the land of the Staithe was given to the Parish and became part of the Highway.

Keith asked if Paul Savage had spoken to Adrian Clarke's successor. Paul replied that he went to a recent Broadword meeting, the new Head of Personnel was in attendance to introduce the new Broadword representative. The Head of Construction was also present, Paul asked if he could be introduced to Adrian's replacement but was refused.

Paul wanted to speak about the new structures at Great Yarmouth for demasting as he thought they were dangerous. Keith suggested putting in a complaint to John Packman who could pass the comment down the line. Lesley stated that there is a duty of care to report this if it dangerous.

Paul has reported the problem to Nicky Talbot, head of the Navigation Committee.

Keith stated that there have been a lot of staff changes at the BA, Lottie Carlton has been transferred to Volunteer Coordinator. Two senior staff, the Senior Waterways & Recreation Officer Adrian Clarke and the Waterways & Recreation Officer, Mark King have been replaced by Lewis Treloar MBE. Ben Hogg, the Conservation Officer has also left.

5 **Minutes of the Main Committee**

David Edleston said that he was disappointed to read that the Broads Society would not be attending the Royal Norfolk Show in future. He was concerned that there was no discussion with the Publicity Committee and asked for this to be raised again at the Main Committee meeting in November. David stated that he, Peter Smith and Colin Dye regularly attend the Show and it was wrong not to go. It is not just about recruiting new members, the Society should have a presence to raise awareness of the Society. Keith Bacon stated that as the Publicity Committee had not discussed this first it should be raised again at the Main Committee.

David went on to say that he thought that Norfolk Broads Yacht Club was the wrong venue for the AGM, the Society should be supporting other Broads charities such as How Hill.

Paul Savage stated that with regard to the Broads Forum, members were interested in the Peer Review but they were not asked to be involved. Members received a brief oral presentation before the written version was published. The BA cancelled the next meeting of the Forum due to "lack of pressing business" and, when the Members tried to dissuade her, she declined and wrote that the BA felt the Members were not representing the interests of their sponsors. The Peer Review Team are being asked to come back to see if the Review worked or not.

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6.1 Disposal of Waste
Nothing to discuss.

6.2 Moorings
As above.

6.3 Jill Wickens will be continuing as Editor of Harnser. David Edleston said she would be making some changes to the publication.

6.4 Glover Review
It was noted that Corrine Pluchino, CNP Chief Executive, would be visiting Norfolk in November to meet with the BA. Paul Rice and Peter Howe hope to meet with her as well. Corrine Pluchino had been invited to speak at the Broads Society AGM but was unable to do so.

Paul Savage stated that CNP had asked what the Society thought of the Glover Review. The report proposed that Broads Authority no longer have to account for tolls income separately as it is "unnecessarily complex".

7 Planning

Once again there have been very few applications. David reported that the replacement dwelling in Horning was increased in size but the two dwellings on either side was large so it was not inappropriate. It was also a change of use from residential to holiday accommodation.

David thought that there is a lot of pre-application consultation on applications so all the problems are ruled out before the applications go out for consultation.

8 Any Other Business

Robert Paul asked what was the Broads Society's involvement with the Eel Sett. Keith explained that the Society own one third together with the Kinder family and the Broads Authority. Angie Leeper is the contact at the BA. The BA considered withdrawing from the Eel Set arrangement but their rangers rangers and field staff find it useful.

It was agreed to discuss the boat trip at the next meeting.

9 Date of next meeting

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

The meeting closed at 9pm.

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