

## RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

### Minutes of committee meeting held at 2 Grundisburgh Road at 7.30pm on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016

1. **Present:** Robin Whittle (chairman), Anne Moore, Sarah Zins, Jim Goldsworthy and Veronica Falconer.  
**Apologies:** Judy Clements, Jane Hawthorne, Robert Simper, Adrian Judge, Peter Clay, James Skellorn and David Bucknell.
2. **Minutes:** Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Woodbridge Cruising Club were agreed.
3. **Matters Arising:**
  - a) X Band Radar: Robin has been in contact with Luciana Esteves and has suggested to Christine Block and Graham Henderson of the DEP that the study concerning the erosion of the Bawdsey shore opposite Felixstowe Ferry Sailing Club would benefit from X Band Radar. Graham has proposed that at the next meeting with Helene Burningham of UCL who is involved with this study, this facility should be discussed.
  - b) Mooring Areas: The Crown Estate are waiting for agreement to the proposed limit lines from each of the Fairway Committees.
  - c) Dredging Paper by Karen Thomas: Robin has still received no information about this.
  - d) Open Forum at Cruising Club: It was proposed that this should be deferred to mid-January 2017.

**ACTION: Robin Whittle**
4. **Accounts:** Jim gave the financial statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> January 2016 to 15<sup>th</sup> September 2016. The current bank total is £10,134. £2,568 has been received in subs this year. The donation to the Woodbridge Sea Scouts was questioned. Does it set a precedence for other similar groups along the river? Robin agreed to check with Sam what the situation was with the Woodbridge Group.

**ACTION: Robin Whittle**
5. **Membership:** Sarah noted that she would be preparing a note, to be circulated with the autumn edition of the magazine, for those who needed to update their subscriptions.
6. **Web site:** Robin agreed to ask Alan Comber to attend the next meeting so that he could be introduced to other members of the Committee.

**ACTION: Robin Whittle**
7. **Autumn Edition of *The Deben*:** David expected to have the Autumn edition of the magazine printed by 6 October. Robin agreed to inform the Committee of the exact date for 'stuffing' and franking as soon as he knew.

**ACTION: Robin Whittle**

It was agreed that, since there were many spare copies of the recent editions of the magazine some of these, together with membership forms, should be provided to clubs and the Tide Mill Marina to show people what the RDA is about and encourage new membership.

**ACTION: Robin Whittle and Sarah Zins**
8. **Salt marshes: Saltmarsh Research Group:** Robin noted that the first meeting of this group would take place on 26<sup>th</sup> September at James' office in Martlesham. The brief will be to try and determine why and how saltmarshes on the River Deben erode and regenerate. This should allow those interested in saltmarshes to have an open discussion and bring together relevant

information which can then be made available for general circulation.

## **9. Planning:**

- a) Duke's Meadow: Gladman Developments Ltd have now placed a new Outline Planning Application for 140 residential dwellings (previously 220) at Duke's Meadow, Martlesham (Document DC/16/3597/OUT). [Subsequent to the meeting Robin contacted the Case Officer, Phil Perkin. The Appeal for the previous application will still go ahead (January 2017). This application should be treated quite separately. If it is turned down then it will be added to the existing appeal. Robin will prepare a draft letter similar to the previous one].

**ACTION: Robin Whittle**

- b) Candlet Road Development: Robin noted that the Appeal for the development of over 500 dwellings at Candlet Road, Felixstowe, will take place over a period of three days, starting 27<sup>th</sup> September. It will take place in the Chamber room of SCDC Offices at Melton Hill.
- c) 'Long Shed' at Whisstocks: Robin had spoken with Pete Clay concerning a possible donation from the RDA to the Riverside Trust. Pete had noted that such a donation could be attached to something material. He suggested that the RDA should write to the Riverside Trust for a list of suitable objects to which the RDA's name could be attached.
- ACTION: Robin Whittle**
- d) SCDC Offices at Melton Hill: It was agreed that this site overlooked the River Deben and it is important that the RDA is kept informed and able to respond to any development plans.
- e) Bawdsey Manor: This estate has been put up for sale (£5M quoted). It is important that the RDA is kept informed and able to respond to any development plans.

- 10. Autumn Meeting:** Robin noted that the notice for this will be included on the back of the autumn edition of *The Deben*. It will be held at Waldringfield Village Hall on Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 at 7.30pm. Jamie Clay will speak about his life and experience in building classic wooden boats.

## **11. AOB:**

- a) Robin noted that the Suffolk Coast Forum will take place at Snape on Friday 7 October. The RDA has been allocated a stand there. He and Sarah will be manning this.
- b) Sarah suggested that committee members should 'declare an interest' when appropriate and this should be an item on the agenda. [ Subsequent to the meeting Robin considered that this should be considered by all members of the committee and be discussed at the next meeting.

**ACTION: ALL ]**

- 12. The date of the Next Meeting:** The next meeting will be held on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> November 2016.