

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Committee meeting held on Monday 2 July 2018 at 1 Lime Kiln Quay, Woodbridge

1. Present and apologies

Present: Sarah Zins (Chair), David Bucknell, Veronica Falconer, Jim Goldsworthy, Kate Laydon, Anne Moore, Robert Simper, Robin Whittle.

Apologies: Jane Alexander, Peter Clay, Alan Comber, Sam Jennings, Richard Verrill,

2. Declarations of Interest

SZ asked for declarations to be made at the appropriate time in the meeting.

3. Minutes of the meeting held on 16th May, 2018

The minutes were approved with no amendments.

4. Matters arising

Covered later in the meeting.

5. Change of Committee Members

There were no proposed changes.

6. Accounts and Membership to date

JG supplied the following figures as at 30/06/18:

Subscriptions received to date total: £2,496 with some further subscriptions expected over the coming months. Total income to date is £2,803.03 with total expenditure, following the publication and distribution of the Spring magazine at £1,281.63. Cash held = £11,242.63

7. Feedback from:

Litter Pick –this was organised by Transition Woodbridge and took place on 3rd June. KL reported that it was well attended, and a good deal of litter was picked up from both banks. She had made contact with a group who do a monthly walk-cum-litterpick called Rubbish Walkers and will publicise their activity on the RDA website. SZ thanked KL for her part in contributing to the event.

Woodbridge Regatta – SZ thanked all those who manned the stall and noted that there had been a good level of interest in the RDA and its activities. A discussion ensued as to how to make the stall more appealing and whether we could have some river-related activities to attract children and their families. JG agreed to look at costing liability insurance for the RDA to cover all its activities.

Martlesham River wall meeting – VF attended a meeting arranged by Thomas O'Brien in Martlesham Parish Rooms on 12 June at 7.30pm and reported that there was enthusiasm for repairing the major river wall breach in the Deben's west bank at Early Creek and below Hill Farm and at Cross Farm between Martlesham and Waldringfield, but that no proposals had been made for funding such work.

8. Speaker, venue and date for Autumn Meeting

It was agreed that Bawdsey Manor would be a suitable venue if it were to be available during a weekend in the afternoon so that it was not necessary to drive in the dark. There could be a talk about radar, as well as a short talk by PGL about their plans. SZ had rung PGL and they thought that it would be possible to accommodate 100 people (120 at a push) in their dining room and this

was considered sufficient space.

Action: SZ to arrange Autumn meeting.

9. Report from SCF meeting – none since last meeting

10. Report from DEP meeting – none since last meeting

11. Flood defences

No further updates.

12. Saltmarshes

SZ reported that Suffolk County Council's application for £211K to repair the sluice at Kingsfleet and restore the saltmarsh there had been rejected. The project at Kyson Point was continuing, but the RDA had concerns about its efficacy and it was agreed that SZ and RW would try to arrange a meeting with David Kemp of the EA to explore the project further in the light of concerns raised by the Kyson Fairways Committee.

RW updated the meeting on the results of saltmarsh measurements taken at Waldringfield from 26.09.16 to 08.06.18. They show that overall saltmarsh is accreting at a similar rate to sea level rise, but edge erosion is increasing [*RW to correct/add*]. RW and his team of helpers were thanked for their work in taking measurements every 6 months.

Action: SZ & RW to request meeting with Environment Agency.

13. Planning Applications and new construction

Melton Hill – no further news – developments awaited.

Lime Kiln Quay – the owner of 3 Lime Kiln Quay has been granted permission to build a garage with space for a home office above, but a condition has been imposed, as requested by the RDA, that it will not be used as a separate residence.

[SZ declared an interest in the following item]

VF reported that, following an e-mail discussion by the committee, the RDA had written to object to small detached combined sail, rigging store and Summerhouse at Haddon House, Sutton.

No other relevant planning matters had come to the attention of the RDA.

14. Wildlife

Deferred until September meeting

15. Footpaths and access

The committee recorded their sadness on the death of Adrian Judge. He was a founding member of the RDA and was generous in using his broad experience in practical civil engineering on the RDA's behalf. He was a highly respected Chairman of the DEP Access Group and will be much missed in that role.

There is no progress to report on the Coastal Path and all options are still being investigated.

16. Stand at Maritime Woodbridge on 8/9 September 2018

A stand had been booked at Maritime Woodbridge on 8th and 9th September and will require to be manned.

Action: SZ to circulate a sign-up sheet for people to man the stand

17. Website including news updates

RW has added a video on shore crabs to the website.

18. Autumn 2018 edition of The Deben

The following articles/snippets are promised:

Bawdsey Manor – RS

Paper on recent river defence projects – RW

Squadron Leader Bloodhound Site – JG's contact

Sutton Hoo notes – SZ contact has sent to DB

Eels – RV

Whisstocks – Sue W

Return from Scandinavia – PC

Boats Varsity and Ginger Dot - ??

Review of G. Henderson's book on Felixstowe Ferry – DB?

News from the Hards – SZ

Archaeological finds on the Deben– SZ to contact East Anglia One

Coypu sighting – snippet SZ/Mike Emmett

Robertson's Classes summary – RW (incl varnishing hints?)

The history of the boat to be used as a cafe at Melton Boatyard - ??

Essex Way through Wrabness – SZ

Wrabness chalets – DB?

Egrets - SZ

Gosford and the Wine Trade – Peter Wain

Bawdsey Groyne - ?

Pipe-laying – DB

Bawdsey Coastline – Vic Clouting

Robertson's Development – SZ to ask Clive Eminson

Woodbridge Waterfront Note – RS/SZ

Action: Authors to contact DB if any issues

19. Any other business

RW & others agreed to deliver copies of the River Users Guide to local marinas and river-related businesses.

The next meeting will be held at 6 p.m. on Wednesday 5th September, 2018 at [venue tbc].