

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Wednesday 8th June 2022 at 6.30pm
at 4 New Quay Terrace

1. **Present:** Jane Haviland, Colin Nicholson (Co-chairs), Robert Simper, Moray MacPhail, Sue Orme, Matt Lis, Caroline Matthews, Caroline Peeke, Liz Hattan
Apologies: Julia Jones **Action**

2. **Declarations of Interest:** None

3. **Minutes of the meeting of 6 April 2022:** The minutes were approved.

4. **Matters Arising**

Dredging – JH and CN met with Thomas Yeung (TY). He's keen to take the conversation regarding dredging forward. TY has a Fundraising portfolio for Coastal Partnership East (CPE), so may be able to assist with obtaining funds for supporting a licence application. Meanwhile the Dredging Working Group set up by Woodbridge Town Council (but not being run by WTC) has not yet met. JH has written to all those present (except councillors) at the WTC Amenities Meeting earlier in the year, to convene a meeting. No responses have been received to date.

It is understood that DYC have also obtained a low level maintenance license that allowed them to blow dredge their hard, this has removed the silt temporarily. It is understood that the Tidemill plan to do the same thing for the mill race.

JH

CN/JH

Next step – Ask TY to provide a cost breakdown of costs for dredging and removal and redistribution of silt. Try to get dredging working group to meet.

Felixstowe Hydrocycle Project demonstration days – CN and JH to attend and report back

5. **Accounts and Membership Update**

MM reported that he no longer chases those without email. There are still some overdue renewals but the renewal rate is more than 95% which is very good. Membership stands at 861. Financial position is in robust shape.

6. **Magazine, RDA Journal and Website:**

JJ had sent a report as follows:

Magazine / RDA Journal

Deadline for magazine is 31.8.2022

Particularly looking for an article on plants of the Deben and any other good quality nature information (JJ has taken many photos of plants at Bawdsey).

It would be good to bring some younger writers in to create a wider reader profile.

<p>Would like an article on Felixstowe Hydrocycle project please – CN has volunteered for this.</p>	<p>CN</p>
<p>RDA Journal is always looking for contributions</p>	<p>CN</p>
<p>Suffolk and the Sea JH distributed leaflets.</p>	
<p>This is not an RDA event but there are a significant number of RDA people involved .</p>	
<p>It was agreed that</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The committee would like to make a RDA contribution of £200 to the day. • We would like to support the event by having a stand there and Colin / others would be delighted to assist. • CM will take some flyers to the Museum for information dissemination • CN and JH will aim to take a poster / flyer to the FFSC on Friday to display 	<p>CN</p>
<p>CM</p>	<p>CN/JH</p>
<p>7. Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: Fish Survey – Richard Verrill is now in contact with the Eastern Inshore Fisheries and Conservation Authority (Eastern IFCA) and others discussing what type of nets to use.</p>	<p>JH</p>
<p>Otter Surveys – Meeting to be planned with SWT re otter surveys on the Deben. Update next meeting</p>	
<p>QR Codes Need to confirm locations</p>	<p>ALL</p>
<p>8. Planning Applications:</p>	
<p>SO reported:</p>	
<p>Application for more signs and street furniture in carpark at Ramsholt which seems unnecessary. Application for campsite in Waldringfield but this has been used for camping in the past. Consultation on old Suffolk Coastal District council office development Thurs 16th May. As yet there has been no decision on the Wickham Market solar farm.</p>	<p>SO</p>
<p>9. DEP Update: CN Reported: FC1 is main focus - detailed design of wall. Discussion about coast path extension. Deben Estuary Management plan – current status unclear, CN to get an update</p>	<p>CN</p>
<p>DEP indicated there may be EA money to improve Woodbridge sea defences (not clear where)and repair sluice gate at Melton sewerage works.</p>	

Coastal path group of the DEP have given a crib sheet of issues to landowners to discuss with NaturalEngland. waiting for Natural England to complete farm visits and announce plans.

Deben Soundings

- Had exhibition at Artspace in the Thoroughfare
- Working out how to get public input into Estuary Management Plan

10. **AGM**

Proposed date of Weds 26th April 2023 for next year's AGM. Need to book Community Hall

CP

11. **AOB**

Need to confirm details for November members' meeting

JH to write to Lord Deben's PA

JH

Insurance for RDA committee – in hand

CN

ML added one point to his written report from last Kyson Fairway committee meeting – concern that unmarked slipway at Sutton, sticks out and is an unmarked hazard

ML asked if we should consider being at Suffolk Show next year

ML reported testing a non-biocide anti-fouling on CN's boat

ML reported article about Robert Simper in latest Classic Boat Magazine. Written by Catherine Lerner. JH to find out if we can put on RDA website

JH

CP reminded the committee to write their profiles for the website

12. **Next meetings**

Mon July 18th 6.30 at Walnut Tree House, Summer Lane Bromeswell

November 2nd

Autumn talk November 24th