

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION MINUTES

Committee Meeting Wednesday 9th November 2022 at 6.30pm
at 4 New Quay Terrace, Melton.

1.	<p>Present: Jane Haviland, Colin Nicholson (Co-chairs), Robert Simper, Moray MacPhail, Julia Jones, Caroline Peeke, Liz Hattan, Caroline Matthews</p> <p>Apologies: Matt Lis, Sue Orme</p>	Action
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest: No new declarations</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 22 September 2022: The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insurance CN to arrange 	CN
5.	<p>Accounts and Membership Update</p> <p>MM reported: Financial position is healthy, see attached spreadsheet. Bits 'n' bobs going out soon. Main topics include Autumn talk by Lord Deben, SWT purchase of land at Martlesham and associated fund raising, volunteering opportunities</p>	MM
6.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website:</p> <p>JJ reported 31/1/23 is deadline for the next magazine. Requested CP to Write a My Deben article Requested a book review from each committee member by 16/12 Will post the Classic Boat article about RS as a special for his birthday in December</p>	<p>CP</p> <p>CP</p> <p>JJ</p>
7.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee:</p> <p>Deben Estuary Plan -CN to produce a map of all tank emptying facilities and public toilet and shower facilities on the river so gaps are visible and can be discussed with Anglian Water. Discuss possible consultation to residential boats users as to whether all live aboard boats should have holding tanks, explore the key issues.</p> <p>Fish Survey – Richard Verrill is willing to do another fish survey and has volunteers available.</p> <p>Otter Survey – Meeting with Penny Hemphill and Nicky Rowbottom (Suffolk Otter Group) has taken place. Agreed that RDA/SWT will put in place a program for otter spotting volunteers. RDA will also fund the purchase of 4 camera traps that will be strategically placed and monitored to detect otter activity. Woodbridge Cruising Club have also invited RDA to give a talk and PH will take part to highlight the otter survey work. Need to agree a date.</p> <p>River Champions – No progress yet and some doubts have been raised because of overlap with AONB. CP to contact Neil Lister at AONB to try and set up a meeting between him/LH/ and SWT.</p>	<p>CN</p> <p>LH/JH</p> <p>CP</p>

	<p>SWT purchase of Martlesham land – plan to create nature reserve. SWT not have an appeal to raise funds. Agreed RDA will donate £200.</p> <p>Plastic Prevention Project - The ESRT proposal to the Rivers Trust (funded by Interreg) for a Plastic Prevention Project has been approved. Anglian Water (AW) – CN write-up to be published as a Journal article</p> <p>Agreed that once some of the above are more advanced the RDA exhibition boards need to be updated and RDA should purchase its own tables for display</p> <p>QR Codes - MM to give some to JH to be distributed</p>	<p>MM JH</p> <p>CN</p> <p>Mm JH/MM</p>
8.	<p>Planning Applications: 2nd Consultation on old Suffolk Coastal District Council Office development - no change</p> <p>As yet there has been no decision on the Wickham Market solar farm..</p>	<p>SO</p>
9.	<p>DEP Update: Dredging - no updates</p> <p>England Coastal Path – No update Bawdsey Quay Marine Centre for Deben Soundings - Closed at end of summer season</p>	<p>JH</p> <p>LH</p>
10.	<p>AOB CP reminded the committee to submit their profiles for the website Autumn talk – starts 6.30 at Woodbridge Community Centre, helpers to be there from 5.30 to set up. JH to have briefing meeting with Lord Deben 21/11/22 Need a RDA leaflet for climate change event at Tide Mill Sat 12th Nov</p>	<p>JH/SO/LH/ML/CP</p> <p>MM/JJ</p>
12.	<p>Next meetings Autumn talk 24 November with Lord Deben. Christmas drinks 7th December at Walnut Tree House, Bromeswell Next committee meeting 18.30, 18th Jan 2023 at DYC 2023 AGM 26 April at the Woodbridge Community Centre</p>	