

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday 18th January 2023 at 6.30pm
at Deben Yacht Club.

1.	<p>Present: Jane Haviland, Colin Nicholson (Co-chairs), Moray MacPhail, Caroline Peeke, Liz Hattan, Caroline Matthews, Matt Lis, Sue Orme</p> <p>Apologies: Robert Simper, Julia Jones,</p>	Action
2.	Declarations of Interest: No new declarations	
3.	Minutes of the meeting of 9 November 2022: The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the minutes were approved.	
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Insurance has now been arranged. CN to send invoice to MM for payment - Autumn Talk – went well given change of date and then last minute change of speaker. Thanks to Richard Rout, Deputy Leader of Suffolk County Council were extended for such an informative talk and to Lord Deben for his assistance. - JH noted that Peter Clay, an esteemed member of the RDA with great knowledge of the river, had died recently. Carolyn Gibbons to be approached to write a tribute to him. MM to represent RDA at funeral (post meeting note: Robert Simper has also expressed in representing the RDA) 	<p>CN</p> <p>JH/JJ</p> <p>MM/RS</p>
5.	<p>Accounts and Membership Update</p> <p>MM reported: Financial position is healthy and number of members stable. Bits ‘n’ bobs going out Fri 20th.</p>	MM
6.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website:</p> <p>31/1/23 is deadline for the next magazine.</p>	ALL
7.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee:</p> <p>Anglian Water – CN reported that new contact from AW Get River Positive initiative had been providing useful information. Email exchange to be circulated 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.</p> <p>Fish Survey – JH reported recent communications with Richard Verrill regarding the fish survey. Agreed to pay £596.30 for his help in conducting the surveys, travel and preparation of scientific report that would provide an authoritative reference going forwards.</p> <p>Otter Survey – JH reported positive engagement with the coordinator of the Suffolk Otter Group who has confirmed the outline specification for cameras and ancillary equipment required for monitoring and detecting otter activity. The Committee has agreed to buy 2 cameras now as a pilot. LH will also look at possible AONB grant funding for two more sets of equipment. We would like to have four in total to span the</p>	<p>CN</p> <p>CN</p> <p>JH/MM</p> <p>LH</p> <p>LH/JH</p>

	<p>catchment. The advisers will prepare the order and MM will arrange payment.</p> <p>River Champions – CP has liaised with the AONB, Neil Lister, who has discussed the proposal with SWT (the same person who LH is working with). The SWT proposals are focussed on monitoring water quality and invertebrates, If we can get a couple more volunteers we could get going with some training. LH will follow up.</p> <p>Plastic Prevention Project – Need 3 dates for plastic collection before the end of Feb. Proposed dates are 29 January at Melton, 14 February at Felixstowe and 25 February at Waldringfield. JH to check with Jess at the ESRT. These will be publicised in Bits’n’bobs</p> <p>Dredging Update – ML reported on Kyson Fairway Committee are concerned about the spoil from the Tide Mill’s proposed dredging plans. The KF committee has written to the Tide Mill but has not received a response yet. JH to offer to facilitate a conversation.</p> <p>Bathing water – no update</p> <p>RCA/RNLI project – JH to call and discuss</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>LH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>MM</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p>
8.	<p>Planning Applications:</p> <p>As yet there has been no decision on the Wickham Market solar farm. Quay Café where caravan café has been approved and work has started Plan for Summer House on Lime Kiln Quay has been rejected Demolition of old council offices in progress</p>	<p>SO</p>
9.	<p>DEP - No update but CN will contact CB for progress.</p>	<p>CN</p>
10.	<p>AOB</p> <p>CP reminded the committee to submit their profiles for the website ML mentioned that someone whose father and uncle worked at Eversons and whose mother was involved with Woodbridge Regatta has lots of records from the yard and river if RDA interested ML attended Woodbridge Regatta planning meeting – Regatta will be 18th June, a provisional timetable is available and one of the themes is to make it greener MM mentioned the need for someone to handle external communications for the RDA – opportunity to be included in next Bits ‘n’ Bobs The RDA exhibition boards need to be updated and RDA should purchase its own tables for display</p>	<p>JH/SO/LH/ML/CP</p> <p>JH/ML</p> <p>MM</p> <p>JH/MM</p>
12.	<p>Next meetings</p> <p>Committee meetings: Weds 22/2/23 at 4 New Quay Terrace Weds 29/3/23 AGM 26/4/23 at the Woodbridge Community Centre (CM to explore other venue)</p>	