

## RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2023 at 6.30pm  
at Walnut Tree House, Bromeswell.

1.	<p><b>Present:</b> Jane Haviland, Colin Nicholson (Co-chairs), Moray MacPhail, Caroline Peeke, Julia Jones, Caroline Matthews, Robert Simper, Liz Hattan, Sue Orme</p> <p><b>Apologies:</b> Matt Lis</p>	<b>Action</b>
2.	<p><b>Declarations of Interest:</b> None</p>	
3.	<p><b>Minutes of the meeting of 22 February 2023:</b> The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p><b>Matters Arising</b></p>	
5.	<p><b>Accounts and Membership Update</b> MM had circulated report and latest membership numbers prior to the meeting. Also shared draft wording for his Annual report. This was agreed and will be added to Website ahead of the AGM</p>	<b>MM/AC</b>
6.	<p><b>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website:</b> JJ reported: Magazine distributed and well received. Deadline for next magazine 31/8/23. SO to write My Deben CP to look into possibility of feature on Tide Mill, with articles from a volunteer and highlighting some other Tide Mill activities Suffolk Tides Link is now available on Website. Suffolk and the Sea to become a regular fixture of the Felixstowe book festival but not as extensive as last year and at the main festival venue. This year will be 24<sup>th</sup> June and the subject will be HMS Beehive. Past issues of The Deben in unused leaflet holder near the river have been well received Agreed to ask members, via Bits 'n' Bobs, to submit articles about people who make a difference to the Deben now or in the past for inclusion as part of a regular Journal article on the website</p> <p>Some discussion re the need to bring the website up to date. CN will start a review with CP as a 2<sup>nd</sup> opinion when required.</p>	<p><b>SO</b></p> <p><b>CP</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p> <p><b>CN/CP</b></p>
7.	<p><b>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee:</b> <b>Anglian Water</b> – 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 – in progress CN has had ongoing discussions with AW. AW expecting to install tertiary treatment facility at Martlesham. Extensive water testing going on by various parties and meeting with AW planned. Testing may be needed at Wickham Market as spills from there may be causing pollution issues at Ufford</p>	<b>CN</b>

	<p><b>Fish Survey</b> – Funding from Natural England is available to do 2 or 3 more surveys this year</p> <p><b>Otter Survey</b> – Initial cameras now installed with agreement that RDA own both the cameras and data as per separate email</p> <p><b>SWT River Monitors</b> – On hold because ESRT have a project in Essex to put some standards and methodology for water testing in place. Meanwhile concentrating on river fly testing. LH to email volunteers to explain change of tack</p> <p><b>Plastic Prevention Project</b> – 3 successful litter picks have taken place at Melton, Felixstowe Ferry and Waldringfield so now complete.</p> <p><b>Dredging Update</b> –RDA to write to all interested parties to initiate a conversation re approach to dredging the river between Kyson and Melton after Kyson Fairway Committee AGM and when their new Chair is in place</p> <p><b>Bathing water</b> – Martlesham application has been approved but Woodbridge has been rejected</p>	<p><b>JH</b></p> <p><b>JH/CN/LH to draft</b></p>
8.	<p><b>Planning Applications:</b></p> <p>As yet there has been no decision on the Wickham Market solar farm. Some concerns by local residents re pounding at old Suffolk Coastal Council office site but generally demolition is progressing with minimal disruption. No formal planning application has been submitted yet</p> <p>A certificate of Lawfulness of use has been requested for the Wild Field site near Melton Boat Club.</p>	<p>SO</p>
9.	<p><b>DEP</b></p> <p>CN reported:</p> <p>Currently some reorganization with a new steering group and signing up representatives from parishes. The headings for next iteration of the 2015 plan have been published for review and once these have been confirmed they will be looking for volunteers for subcommittees</p>	
10.	<p><b>East Coast Rivers Partnership</b></p> <p>CN and CP to attend meeting on Thurs May 4th</p>	<p><b>CN/CP</b></p>
11.	<p><b>AGM</b></p> <p>JH confirmed that the Speaker will be John Patrick, Director of Sustainable Solutions Ltd, Felixstowe Hydrocycle</p> <p>CP to organize drinks – glasses already booked and to discuss possibilities for sponsorship from Adnams as well as possible discount for RDA members</p> <p>Bits ‘n’ Bobs reminder few days before</p>	<p><b>CP</b></p> <p><b>MM</b></p>
12.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Discussion re Surge of Memories event at Riverside Cinema at the end of March. No committee members were there but had heard it went well and AW sent a senior representative for the discussion</p> <p>CP reminded the committee to submit their profiles for the website</p> <p>MM mentioned the need for someone to handle external communications for the RDA</p> <p>The RDA exhibition boards need to be updated and RDA should purchase its own tables for display. MM will update these providing others provide the content</p>	<p><b>JH/SO/LH/ML/CP</b></p> <p><b>JH/CN</b></p> <p><b>ALL</b></p>

12.	<b>Next meetings</b> Committee meetings: Weds 21 <sup>st</sup> June at Deben Yacht Club AGM 26/4/23 at the Woodbridge Community Centre	MM/CP to confirm with DYC
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