

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday 27th September 2023 at 6.30pm
at Walnut Tree House Bromeswell

1.	<p>Present: Colin Nicholson (Co-chair), Robert Simper, Caroline Peeke, Liz Hattan, Matt Lis, Moray MacPhail</p> <p>Apologies: Jane Haviland, Caroline Matthews, Sue Orme, Julia Jones,</p>	Action
2.	<p>New Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 29th August 2023: The actions from the previous meeting were reviewed and the minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer and Membership Update (MM) MM circulated a accounts and membership report and update on his actions during the meeting Application has been completed for fixed term savings account at Cambridge and Counties Bank Application for debit card for current account is waiting for response from Lloyds</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>
6.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: Update via email from JJ: Next magazine will be at printers by end Sept. Sarah Zins happy to have an information board about the Lady Alice Kenlis on her land by the river on the Woodbridge side. ML has made enquiries about cost of sign but has had no response yet. Woodbridge museum has expressed an interest in being involved with the wording of the sign. Once this moves forward SZ happy to work with committee re siting etc JJ drew attention to 2 most recent journal articles on Willow Bland who is sailing on Maiden in the Global Challenge and Felixstowe Flying Boats. Next article will be a guided walk in Martlesham wilds. A review of the RDA website content will commence soon.</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>CN/CP</p>
7.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: Map of tank emptying facilities, public toilet and shower facilities on the river so gaps are visible and can be discussed with Anglian Water – in progress CN reported:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latest Waldringfield Bathing Water designation data is good apart from after torrential rain Aug Bank Holiday weekend • EA has said no to an experimental tertiary (Performic Acid) Treatment at Martlesham Waste Water Treatment Works water treatment facility at Waldringfield. Whilst test site at Southwold has been successful, it is not proven re destroying viral pathogens, so the more energy intensive UV method will be used <p>SWT River Fly Monitoring LH reported: September monitoring took place. Plan to apply to Woodbridge Town Council for grant to buy nets for monitoring Fish Survey – This has been done by RV and there will be a report in due cause</p>	<p>CN</p> <p>LH</p>

	Otter Survey – No change	
8.	<p>Planning Update (SO):</p> <p>As yet there has been no decision on the Wickham Market solar farm. No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site.</p> <p>There's an application for a replacement dwelling at Waldringfield, probably no concern for RDA but further details required</p> <p>No SEAS (https://www.suffolkenergyactionsolutions.co.uk) update at this time</p> <p>Mini Holland plan flagged, mainly because of mention of a segregated cycle route by the river</p>	<p>SO</p> <p>SO/JH</p> <p>SO</p> <p>SO</p>
9.	<p>DEP (CN)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DEP General Meeting has taken place and new officials appointed. The EA is pleased with progress With the revisions to the constitution and the management structure largely complete, the DEP is now turning to working on Revision of the 2015 Estuary Management Plan. The proposed chapter headings are on the website along with Constitution including Management Structure, Minutes etc. www.debenestuarypartnership.org Although the Exec will be contacting suggested and volunteer people to be part of each "chapter" team the next full meeting of the DEP will be Thursday 18th January 2024 9.30-11.30 Riduna House, Melton. It will be open to the Public. 	
10.	<p>East Coast Rivers Partnership</p> <p>Nothing to report</p>	
11.	<p>Autumn Talk</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This will be on October 26th and the speaker will be Lord Deben. Venue Quay Church, Church Street, Woodbridge. Post meeting MM confirmed time as 7 for 7.30, prepared flyer for inclusion with Magazine and set up Eventbrite booking and included details in Bits n Bobs CP will organize glasses, wine and soft drinks and bring on the evening ML, CM and CN have said they will be available to arrive early and help set things up JH will host and introduce Lord Deben on the night 	<p>CP</p> <p>ML/CM/CN/CP</p> <p>JH</p>
12.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> MM to look into a stall at next year's regatta RDA forum to discuss issues affecting all river users is seen as a priority. Once format and details agreed ML happy to contact invitees Some discussion about how soon and in what ways Tristan McConnell will be available. Need to keep a watching brief on the changes to nutrient neutrality legislation Potential for a river wide litter pick using a skip on Grundy's barge. RDA would bring together parties, it was then suggested that Ben Grundy should be invited to join the RDA committee There is an East Anglian Coast and Estuaries Conference Oct 12th, CN will attend and report back 	<p>MM</p> <p>CN/JH/ML</p> <p>JH/CN</p> <p>JH</p> <p>JH</p> <p>CN</p> <p>CN</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerns have been raised with the committee concerning pile driving and potential expansion of the Tide Mill Yacht Harbour. CN to approach TMYH for comment • ML mentioned a classic and traditional boat rally on the Deben, last weekend of May next year 	CN
12.	<p>Next meetings Autumn meeting – Oct 26th. At Woodbridge Quay Church Committee meetings: Thurs 23rd November at Southfields, Fayrefield Rd. Unless anyone has a strong wish for a different venue</p>	