

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Monday January 6th 2025 at 6.30pm
at Southfields, Fayrefield Rd, Melton

1.	<p>Present: Colin Nicholson (Chair), Liz Hattan (Vice-Chair), Caroline Peeke (Secretary), Moray MacPhail (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Sue Orme, Matt Lis, Robert Brinkley, Julia Jones</p> <p>Apologies: Tristan McConnell, Jane Haviland, Ben Grundy, Anna-Marie Sellon, Tony Carter</p>	Action
2.	<p>New Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 11th November 2024: The actions were reviewed and the minutes were approved.</p>	
4.	<p>Matters Arising: None</p>	
5.	<p>Treasurer and Membership Update (MM): MM had circulated accounts and membership report and draft accounts for the year prior to the meeting – all in good order. MM reported that Metro Bank account is now open and will be in use soon.</p> <p>The meeting approved the Treasurer’s proposal to open an easy access interest bearing account with Hampshire Trust Bank. The Treasurer will be the sole operator of that account and will include the status of it in the regular treasurer and membership report for each committee meeting</p>	<p>MM</p> <p>MM</p>
6.	<p>AGM preparation (ALL) Agreed date of Weds 30th April depending on speaker availability. Discussed possibilities for speakers, JJ to make initial approach. Also discussed alternative venues, Waldringfield Village Hall is a possibility as is Community Centre depending on who the speaker is and thus the number of attendees expected</p> <p>There will be 2 updates to the constitution to be approved at the AGM, one to make it clear the RDA has no political affiliations and the other to clarify financial governance. Whilst there is no practical change to financial procedures, clarifications were required to open the Metro Bank account.</p> <p>Need to check which officers are up for re-election and who has been co opted since last AGM</p>	<p>JJ</p> <p>CN</p> <p>CP</p>
7.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ) Next Deben Magazine deadline 31/1/25. A few of areas were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of a cooking article • Need for an article from a young person • Article relating to AGM speaker, once we know who it is <p>JJ has initiated Project to create a register of all pre 1950 boats on the Deben</p> <p>JJ also reported that she is looking into getting a cycle route to go with the recent journal articles about Suffolk Churches with a view to publication</p> <p>ML to provide cost of sign for Lady Alice Kenlis</p>	<p>ML</p>

	Woodbridge museum has expressed an interest in being involved with the wording of the sign.	
8	<p>Jet Ski Updates</p> <p>A survey regarding river use, speed and potentially requesting an update to the bylaws is being prepared in conjunction with Steve Cooper and Thomas Yeung</p> <p>ESC to discuss Jet Ski consultation response and make decision re licensing Jan 20th. CN to attend</p>	<p>CN/AMS</p> <p>CN</p>
9.	<p>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: (CN/LH)</p> <p>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</p> <p>EA summary for 2024 rated Waldringfield Bathing Water Designated Area Good, with 37 out of 40 weeks rated excellent across 2023 and 2024</p> <p>SWT Riverfly Monitoring – No change. Flooding/weather means monitoring not currently possible</p> <p>LH to write a short statement explaining brown river foam</p> <p>Fish Survey – Complete and results comparable to previous 2 years</p> <p>Otter Survey – No Change</p> <p>Plastic Prevention – No Change</p>	<p>CN</p> <p>LH</p>
10.	<p>Planning Update: (SO)</p> <p>No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site.</p> <p>Upper Deben solar farm – No update</p> <p>Application to demolish and rebuild Little Kyson, near Kyson Point.</p> <p>Need to check light implications of new plans</p>	SO
11.	<p>RDA representations on other committees (DEP/ESCP): (CN)</p> <p>Recover the Deben – water quality sub group meeting took place in December.</p>	
12.	RDA Structure and Roles – carried forward	
14.	<p>AOB</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Possibility of RDA promoting itself via articles in local free magazines. CN to discuss with TM – carried forward • Need to keep a watching brief on the changes to nutrient neutrality legislation • CN/LH to review RDA documentation held by JH and decide what to do with it • ML mentioned proposed Oyster Farm on N shore Near Shottisham Creek. CN to follow up with DEP/Waldringfield Fairway Committee 	<p>CN</p> <p>LH</p> <p>CN/LH</p> <p>CN</p>
15.	<p>Next meeting</p> <p>Committee meeting: Mon Feb 17th, venue Southfields IP12 1NX</p> <p>AGM – proposed April 30th - TBC</p>	