

## RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Wednesday July 2nd, 2025 at 6.30pm  
at Walnut Tree House, Summer Lane, Bromeswell, IP12 2QA

1.	<b>Present:</b> Colin Nicholson (Chair), Liz Hattan (Vice-Chair), Caroline Peeke (Secretary), Moray MacPhail (Treasurer and Membership Secretary), Julia Jones, Sue Orme, Robert Brinkley, Anna-Marie Sellon, <b>Apologies:</b> Tristan McConnell, Jane Haviland, Tony Carter, Ben Grundy, Matt Lis,	<b>Action</b>
2.	<b>New Declarations of Interest:</b> None	
3.	<b>Minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025 :</b> The actions were reviewed and the minutes were approved.	
4.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> None	
5.	<b>Treasurer and Membership Update (MM):</b> MM had circulated accounts and membership report– all in good order.	
6.	<b>Events</b> <b>Regatta</b> - Went well, The boatyard was a gd spot and MLhappy for us to be there again next year. There was some interest in membership and sold approx. 10 copies of colouring book <b>Autumn Talk</b> - Provisionally Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> CN to pursue options re speakers <b>We still need an Events Manager – any suggestions as to who?</b>	<b>CN</b> <b>ALL</b>
7.	<b>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ)</b> MM to crosscheck membership list for riverside clubs and associations and contributors to News from the Hards to see whether there are any that are not members and thus do not receive magazine. Following are planned for next magazine - deadline is 31.8.2025 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• MM to ask Riverside Trust rep to write about the ‘Sail and Save’ project</li> <li>• SO and AMS to collaborate on an update about which bits of the King Charles III coastal path are open in our</li> <li>• LH to provide photo and some commentary about the effect of low river levels</li> <li>• CN to do co-chairs report + News from the Hards, as usual</li> <li>• JJ to source an article re Felixstowe Rowing club and Gt River Race</li> </ul> Cost of sign for Lady Alice Kenlis will be £50-£100 Woodbridge museum has expressed an interest in being involved with the wording of the sign. Need to work out how to progress this	<b>MM</b>  <b>MM</b> <b>SO/AMS</b> <b>LH</b> <b>CN</b> <b>JJ</b>  <b>CP</b>
8	<b>Deben Colouring Book</b> Is now available in Woodbridge Books, The Tide Mill and and Long Shed. Other outlets will be added	
9	<b>Jet Ski Updates</b>	

	RDA and DEP will meet with East Suffolk Council to discuss outcome of leisure on the Deben Estuary Survey There are also ongoing discussions re Go Slow buoys at Felixstowe Ferry	<b>CN</b> <b>RB/CN</b>
10.	<b>Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: (CN/LH)</b> Low flows on the fluvial Deben are of great concern <b>SWT Riverfly Monitoring</b> – Currently not possible because of low water levels MM to ask Riverside Trust whether we can use the noticeboard outside the Longshed for a poster regarding brown foam. This will need to be to be attention grabbing and the wording would need to be agreed with the EA. <b>Fish Survey</b> – Complete <b>Otters</b> – No change <b>Plastic Prevention</b> – No Change	<b>MM</b>
11.	<b>Planning Update: (SO)</b> No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site. Upper Deben solar farm – No update	
12.	<b>RDA representations on other committees (DEP/ESCP): (CN)</b> Recovering the Deben have appointed a salaried Programme Manager, Matt Green	
13.	<b>RDA Structure and Roles – carried forward</b>	
14.	<b>AOB</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Possibility of RDA promoting itself via articles in local free magazines. CN to discuss with TM – carried forward</li> <li>• Need to keep a watching brief on the changes to nutrient neutrality legislation</li> <li>• RDA asked to provide advice for a potential start-up of River Stour Association</li> </ul>	<b>CN</b> <b>LH</b>
15.	<b>Next meeting</b> <b>Committee meeting: Monday September 15th</b> , Southfields IP12 1NX <b>Autumn Talk</b> – Nov 12 <sup>th</sup> - TBC	