

RIVER DEBEN ASSOCIATION

Committee Meeting Monday November 3rd, 2025 at 6.30pm
at Riverside, Fayrefield Rd, Melton IP12 1NX

1.	<p>Present: Colin Nicholson (Chair CN), Liz Hattan (Vice-Chair LH), Caroline Peeke (Secretary CP), Moray MacPhail (Treasurer and Membership Secretary MM), Elisabeth de Margary EdeM, Matt Lis, Robert Brinkley</p> <p>Apologies: Tristan McConnell, Jane Haviland, Tony Carter, Ben Grundy, Sue Orme, Anna-Marie Sellon, Julia Jones</p>	Action
2.	<p>New Declarations of Interest: None</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the meeting of 15th September 2025 : 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– all in good order. New membership database is running well. Elisabeth de Margary left the room for the committee to vote on her being co opted to replace MM as Treasurer and Membership Secretary. The vote was carried unanimously. The committee also approved her appointment as</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A signatory, cardholder and person with full access to both Lloyd's accounts • A signatory, cardholder and person with full access to the Metro bank account • A signatory and person with full access to the Hampshire trust account • The main contact for GoCardless 	
6.	<p>Events Autumn Talk – Arrangements for the autumn talk were confirmed and tasks allocated Collect glasses from Adnams Check Audio visual facilities Sort out refreshments We still need an Events Manager – any suggestions as to who?</p>	<p>CN MM CP/MM ALL</p>
7.	<p>Magazine, RDA Journal and Website: (JJ) 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. JJ reported (via email)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plans for Deben #72 underway and happy to receive any suggestions for articles • There are some good Journal articles over next few wks, please read and publicise where possible • Request for book reviews by Dec 5th for pre Christmas publication 	MM/EdeM

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bits'n'Bobs #33 about to go out, next one will be collated 1st week of December 	
8.	Jet Ski Updates ESC Recreational Mitigation Team are taking this forward and have published a leaflet under the name wildlifewise.co.uk.	
9.	King Charles III Coast Path: New sections between Felixstowe Ferry and Bawdsey are now open.	
10.	Report from the Nature and Conservation Sub-Committee: (CN/LH) Waldringfield Bathing water seasonal bathing water checks were all excellent for the 2 nd year running However there was an alert due to a diesel spill from an abandoned boat, which was subsequently recovered. SWT Riverfly Monitoring – Done in October and hope to do one more before winter 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. Fish Survey – No change Otters – No change Plastic Prevention – No Change	MM
11.	Planning Update: (SO) No formal planning application has been submitted yet for the old Suffolk Coastal Council office site. Loudham solar farm – no further update New house on Melton/Ufford border, nr Melton Old Church – No reason for RDA to object	
12.	RDA representations on other committees (DEP/ESCP): (CN) DEP Strategic plan available for review by chapter owners. Flood Cell 1 - Community funding may be needed. DEP is looking for a new Chair	
13.	RDA Structure and Roles – carried forward	
14.	AOB <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Report from TC on upper Deben discussed, CN to email TC 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 CP to sort out details of sign for Lady Alice Kenlis. 	CN CN LH CP
15.	Next meeting Committee meeting: Tuesday December 2nd, Southfields, Fayrefield Rd, IP12 1NX Autumn Talk – Wednesday November 12 th Martlesham Richards Room Christmas Drinks – Friday December 19 th Walnut Tree House, IP12 2QA -	