

River Deben Association

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 29 April 2026

Woodbridge Community Hall, Station Road IP12 4AU

Colin Nicholson (Co-Chair) opened the meeting at 7:30pm and welcomed, on behalf of the Committee all those attending.

1. Apologies for Absence

Caroline Matthews, Richard Verrill, Debbie Verrill, Robert Brinkley, Sue Orme, Moray MacPhail and Imogen O' Neill.

2. Minutes of Last AGM (30 April 2025) available on the RDA Website

Acceptance of the minutes, which are on the RDA website, as a true record of the meeting was proposed by Julia Dansie and seconded by Claudia Myatt. The vote was carried without objection.

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Treasurer's Report for year-ending 31 December 2025

The Treasurer's report is on the RDA website. Colin Nicholson thanked Amanda de Margary for her work as Treasurer and as Membership Secretary. Acceptance of the report was proposed by Jane Haviland and seconded by Joan Brookes. The vote was carried without objection.

5. Appointment of Examiner for 2026 Accounts

Colin Nicholson thanked Kathryn Cooper for acting as examiner for the 2025 accounts. Her appointment as examiner for the 2026 accounts was proposed by Sarah Zins and seconded by Liz Hattan. The vote was carried without objection.

6. Election of officers and members of the Committee

- a. Co-opted members standing for election
 - i. Amanda de Margary
 - ii. Phil Skinner

Their election was proposed by Pat Clarke and seconded by Ronnie Ireland. The vote was carried without objection.

- b. Re-election on to committee after 4 years:
 - i. Colin Nicholson
 - ii. Caroline Peeke

Their election was proposed by Mary Anne Bartlett and seconded by Dr John Briscoe. The vote was carried without objection.

- c. Officers due for re-election
 - i. Colin Nicholson – Co Chair
 - ii. Liz Hattan – Vice Chair

Their election was proposed by Claudia Myatt and seconded by Ronnie Ireland. The vote was carried without objection.

- d. Co-opted officers standing for election
 - i. Amanda de Margary – Treasurer and Membership Secretary
 - ii. Phil Skinner – Secretary

Their election was proposed by Caroline Peeke and seconded by Julia Jones. The vote was carried without objection.

Colin Nicholson took the opportunity to thank Caroline Peeke for her dedicated work as Secretary over the last four years and Moray MacPhail (in absentia) for his hard work as Treasurer and as Membership Secretary.

7. Co-Chair's Report – see Spring Edition of 'The Deben' magazine

Colin Nicholson thanked Julia Jones, Bertie Wheen, Mark at Bettaprint, Alan Comber and all those involved in the production and distribution of 'The Deben' magazine, RDA Journal and RDA website.

This concluded the AGM at 8pm.

Following the AGM, Woodbridge and Waldringfield Boatyard's apprentices gave a live demonstration of steam bending accompanied by a talk explaining its science and uses.

Also at the AGM artist Jackie Brinsley, who was kindly the cover artist for the Spring Edition of 'The Deben' magazine, exhibited some of her current work.