



**Bure Navigation Conservation Trust**  
**Patron – Professor Tom Williamson, University of East Anglia**

**Minutes of Meeting**  
**Held on 16 July 2019**  
**At Burgh Reading Room**

**Present:** Peter Baker (Chair), Sue Baker, Haydn Claridge, Jean Tipper, Frank Tipper, Valerie Hills, Roy Wheeler, Sue Wheeler, Sylvia Jennings, Bob Jennings, Bruce Rushin, Elaine Rushin, Pam Bond, Sue Wilson.

Bob Jennings was welcomed as a new member.

**1 Apologies**

Jim Pannell, Margaret Bird, Barbara Rix

**2 Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The minutes of the previous meeting held on 16 April 2019, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

**3 Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

**4 Chair's Report**

There was nothing to report. All matters are dealt with under the agenda items.

**5 Secretary's Report**

There was nothing to report.

**7 Treasurer's Report**

Haydn advised that the bank balance is £3,759.89.

## **8 Footpath Report**

### **(i) General**

The footpath under the power bridge has still not been repaired. Peter wrote to David Harrison on 4 July, attaching a set of photographs taken earlier in the year, as follows:

I believe that Buxton with Lamas Parish Council contacted you about the state of this footpath some time ago. Following your help they received an email, a copy of which was forwarded to me, from Adam Hinchliffe dated 1 February 2019. In it he assured them that he was getting the required consents to work in the river and that they will aim to fix the issue as soon as possible.

I am contacting you now as the repair has not taken place and, if anything, the bank has fallen in more. This matter concerns me because the BNCT has arranged for an escorted walk between Buxton Railway Station and Mayton Bridge, returning to Buxton along the river. This is part of the Heritage Open Days on Sunday 15 September and Saturday 21 September.

I am sorry to have to contact you again but you seem to be the only person who can get things done.

David Harrison replied that he has forwarded the email to the highways engineer, Ben Rayner, and will pass on his reply again when it is received. It will be interesting to see what action he suggests. I will get back to you directly when he responds. Nothing more has been heard. Peter will chase it up again with Ben Rayner.

It has been noted that the footpath at Coltishall looks very overgrown. Bob said he had seen someone strimming in that area but did not know how far along the path they had gone.

### **(ii) New Footpath at Aylsham**

Peter wrote to John Goodyear at David Wilson Homes on 5 July to enquire about progress, who gave the same answer at last time, i.e. things are progressing well, although a little slower than we would like. He added that the application to the Environment Agency has been submitted – their turnaround time is three months. The bridge details and foundation requirements have been agreed and the design is well advanced. There is a meeting next week to finalise the route, fence, gates etc. details, with a view to appointing a ground worker. If things go to plan from now on we should have the route finished and usable before the end of the calendar year.

Peter will ask for details of the footpath, bridges and any gates to see if they are acceptable.

## **9 Website**

Haydn said he has now been trained in the Wix system and paid our annual subscription. The cost of training was £160. And the annual cost will be £86.40. He circulated a copy of the first page. It contains minutes of meetings, forthcoming events etc. There is a link to Margaret Bird's website and she has links to a number of other sites.

Trust Members thanked Haydn for doing such a good job in setting up the website.

## **10 Arrangements for forthcoming talk on 13 September**

This is a talk by Russell Yeomans on the Gunton Sawmill and other water mills on the River Bure and is a joint event with the Aylsham Local History Society. It will take place on 13 September at 7.30pm at Buxton Village Hall. Russell's fee is £40 and there will also be a fee for the hire of the hall. It was agreed that the admission charge will be £3 for everyone.

Helpers are needed at 7.00pm for setting up, assisting with car parking etc. Sylvia agreed to organise the raffle. Any donations for prizes will be very welcome. Sue will be on the door. Bruce and Elaine volunteered to organise refreshments (tea, coffee, squash and biscuits). ALHS will have a book stall and copies of River Writes will also be on sale. There will also be a supply of membership forms. Peter will do an introduction and Bruce will give a vote of thanks. Roy will put posters around Buxton and Peter will email The Marlpit and 'Just Aylsham and Just Coltishall and Wroxham.

## **11 Heritage Open Days**

Peter was contacted by Chloe Griffin of Broadland District Council to ask if the BNCT would like to be involved. The only requirements are that any event must be free to attend and take part, must be between 13 and 22 September and be something that we don't usually offer. Peter suggested that we organise a walk and this has to be agreed by 17 May in order to get an entry in their main booklet. There will be two identical walks, one on Sunday 15 September and the other on Saturday 21 September at 2.00pm. The walks will be from Buxton to Mayton and back and will take approximately an hour. We will arrange to have draft leaflets to hand out. Margaret Bird will be joining us for the second walk.

**Aylsham Local History Society** will be at the Heritage Centre on Saturday 14 September. If anyone is able to give an hour or so on that day it would be much appreciated.

## **12 Possible talk in 2020**

Margaret Bird would be happy to give a talk in 2020. It was agreed to pursue this further with Margaret.

### **13 Any Other Business**

The Reading Room is under new management and we will now have to pay a reduced rate of £10 per session.

A letter was received from the Chair of Buxton with Lamas Parish Council regarding a questionnaire concerning the village plan. Only two questions were relevant to the BNCT as follows:

*Are there any neighbourhood development planning proposals which would assist your organisation to provide services to our parish?*

Buxton with Lamas is an integral part of the Broadland tourist area and has a significant number of footpaths within it. Improving access to these footpaths and rights of way should be considered a priority to help maintain the local economy. It is also very important that all footpaths are kept open and maintained to allow access to all users.

*Please tell us if you have concerns/issues you want to raise about this neighbourhood.*

BNCT is worried about the effect that additional houses would have on the River Bure and the Bure Valley where it passes through Buxton with Lamas. This could have a damaging effect if these were on the flood plain or very close to it.

### **14 Date and Time of Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held at 730pm on Tuesday 29 October 2019 at Burgh Reading Room.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.35pm.

Signed as a true record .....29 October 2019