



# **Bure Navigation Conservation Trust**

**Patron - Professor Tom Williamson, University of East Anglia**

**Minutes of Meeting held at Burgh Reading Room**

**On Tuesday 16 April 2019**

**This meeting immediately followed**

**Present:** Peter Baker (Chair), Sue Baker, Haydn Claridge, Barbara Rix, Bruce Rushin, Elaine Rushin, Sue Wheeler, Roy Wheeler, Frank Tipper, Jean Tipper, Valerie Hills, Roger Polhill, Diana Polhill, Jim Pannell, Sue Wilson

## **1. Apologies**

Apologies were received from Pam Bond, Margaret Bird and Sylvia Jennings

## **2. Minutes of Last Meeting**

The minutes of the last meeting held on 8 January 2019, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed.

## **3. Matters Arising**

There were no matters arising.

## **4. Chair's Remarks**

Peter had nothing to add to his comments contained in the AGM report.

## **5. Secretary's Report**

There was nothing further to report.

## **6. Treasurer's Report**

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

## 7. Footpath Report

### General

Roy said a lot of dead trees have come down. Nothing has been done about the path under the pile bridge which is now very dangerous and is at the stage where there could be an accident. Roy suggested that the matter be brought to the attention of the local authority once again. Peter said he will measure the hole. Barbara suggested taking photographs and send the letter recorded delivery.

### Aylsham Footpath

On 3 April, John Goodyear of David Wilson Homes advised that the bridge and location have been confirmed and they are currently finalising the foundation design details. Once that has been done, they will submit the drawings with an application to the EA for permission to install them. That process will take up to three months. He has drafted the paperwork and discussed the details with the EA so their approval *ought* to be a rubber stamping exercise.

As soon as the application has been submitted they can order the bridges and programme their delivery and installation, together with arrangements for the construction of the route itself. Hopefully everything will be ready to go as soon as they get the EA approval.

Peter will continue to chase this up from time to time.

## 8. Information Boards

When the design of the boards was discussed with Bruce we were not aware that Norfolk Broads Direct, who gave a grant of £1,100, wanted their logo to be on the signs.

Peter has offered to put a small logo plate in the middle of the top rail of all the boards. For a plate in the same material, Fitzpatrick Woolmer have quoted £89 plus VAT per board. Gordon Signs could do a reverse printing on Perspex for less than £50 including VAT for all six boards.

*It was the unanimous decision to proceed with Gordon Signs.*

Bruce said Norfolk Broads Direct are very pleased with the boards and would be interested in any other projects.

The condition of the board will be discussed at future meetings.

## 9. Website

Haydn contacted Steve Jackman who quoted £160 for development, training and support to the person who would be maintaining it. Hayden said he would be willing to undertake this task. The website address would be free if we put 'Wix' on it, there would be a charge of £65 per year with ongoing support and updates of the software.

*It was agreed unanimously to go ahead.*

Haydn said he would bring some ideas to the next meeting.

## 10. Possible Event/Talk

Following the last meeting, Peter had a brief discussion with Roger about the possibility of sharing the event with the Aylsham Local History Society. A possible subject for a talk could be Water Mills, and Margaret Bird gave the name of someone who is involved with the Gunton Sawmill. Unfortunately he has stood down but Russell Yeoman would be willing to give a Power Point presentation of 45-50 minutes for a fee of £40. It has been suggested that, if possible, it covers some of the area between Aylsham and Coltishall and it is most likely that he will be able to put together something along those lines, but it might be more general.

It has been suggested that late September would be appropriate, before the ALHS start their programme of talks. Buxton Village was thought to be a good venue but they can only offer a Friday. It was proposed to hold the event on Friday 20 September at 7.30pm.\*

## 11. Any Other Business

- Barbara said she had seen a communication from Broadland District Council stating they were preparing a funding bid for £365,000 for improvements to the Bure Valley Path, but was not sure if this had anything to do with the new footpath with which the trust has been involved.
- Concerning the proposed leaflets to go with the boards, Peter contacted Chloe Griffin with regard to any possible funding. Roger had a quote of £395 for 1,000 and £412 for 1,500 leaflets for the ALHS pub walk. Printing ours should cost less as it would be smaller. We would have to design them, it was agreed not to provide containers for them at the side of the boards, but only hand them out to local businesses etc.
- Barbara said Broadland District Council and South Norfolk District Council may be combining and therefore a lot of the officers will change.

## 2. Date and Time of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at 7.30pm on 16 July 2019 at Burgh Reading Room.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed as a true record..... 16 July 2019

\*Since the meeting, Buxton Village Hall was not available on 20 September and therefore the event will now take place on Friday 13 September. Roger said the ALHS has confirmed they would be happy to join us for this event.