

## Report by Administrative Officer

Date of Meeting and Minute No	Discussion	Responsible Person	Summary of Actions and Outstanding Issues
27 February 2014 Minute 5/6 <b>Waste Disposal Policy</b>	<p>Chief Executive and Chairman to ascertain possible support from other National Park Authorities in challenging Defra's decision on grading boat waste as commercial.</p> <p>Chief Executive to ascertain possible liaison with the Norfolk Waste Partnership.</p> <p>Records to be updated, where possible, to indicate the ownership of the currently serviced sites.</p>	<p>Chief Executive</p> <p>Asset Officer</p>	Report on this Agenda Item 8.

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27 February 2014 Minute 5/9 <b>Navigation Committee Engagement</b>	Further clarity to be provided around the Authority's policy concerning members speaking to the media on behalf of the Committee or the Authority.	Head of Communications	Revised wording to provide better clarity around engagement has been circulated to four Navigation Committee members following a meeting about wider member engagement and comments received and responded to. The revisions will be considered as part of an upcoming overall review of the Communications Strategy in light of potential branding developments.
24 April 2014 Minute 6/8 <b>Sediment Management Strategy: Waterways Specifications Compliance Monitoring Update for the Whole River System</b>	The Committee asked for the detailed SMS figures to be placed on the public record.	Senior Waterways and Recreation Officer	Sediment Management Strategy Data is being updated and is intended to bring a detailed report to the December meeting of the Navigation Committee. As new hydrographic survey data becomes available the compliance will be updated.
24 April 2014 Minute 6/9 <b>Moorings Strategy</b>	A strategic approach towards moorings is required	Senior Waterways and Recreation Officer	Report on this Agenda Item 7.
Minute 1/6 Supplementary Public Question – James Campbell	Answer to supplementary question	Chairman	See Appendix 1.

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4 September 2014 Minute 1/9 <b>Planning Application with Navigation Implications: Creation of Fen Installation of temporary Fish Barriers to Facilitate Lake Restoration</b>		Director of Planning and Resources	See Chief Executive Report.
4 September 2014 Minute 1/11 <b>Review of Subscriber Text Service Trial</b>	In the light of that financial offer the Committee recommended that further discussion took place between the officers and The Broads Hire Boat Federation, as whether or not to continue with the Text Service, and that the outcome be reported back.	Head of Safety Management	Options being investigated and proposal will be discussed with the BHBF at a meeting on the 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2014.
4September 2014 Minute 1/14 <b>Financial Strategy 2015/16 and 2016/17 Operations Allocations Options</b>		Director of Operations	See Chief Executive Report.

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Minute 1/15 Hickling Broad	Members agreed that Hickling Broad needed urgent attention but they would details about the project and would like to be informed of the options to be explored.	Head of Construction, Maintenance and Environment	A meeting has taken place with the Land Agent representing the Mills Family and an area has been identified as a suitable location to place dredged material. Letters have been issue to the agent asking for confirmation of the verbal agreements, but we have not had a response. This is being chased at Officer & Member level. A smaller project is being developed to remove a small quantity of sediment from the public Staithe over the winter and permissions and permits are being worked upon at present. A more detailed plan for Hickling will be forth coming once a disposal site is agreed with landowners.

**Supplementary Question submitted by Mr J Campbell**

Mr Campbell asked a supplementary question concerning the view the Committee took on spending large amounts of public money on a broad with little or no public access and how that sat with the aim of the Authority to become a national park.

**Response to Supplementary Question**

Dear Mr Campbell,

From your attendance at the Navigation Committee meeting you will know that members did provide comments during their consideration of the Hoveton Great Broad agenda item which were relative to your supplementary question. Some members made comments on the right of navigation, wanting the scheme to have more access for all; this substantiates the members' views over the desire for more public access for the scheme. These Navigation Committee's views were also represented during the Broads Authority meeting on 26 September 2014, when the Broads Authority considered whether to support Natural England's applications for external funding for the proposed project.

During the Broads Authority meeting, members recognised the major contribution that the Hoveton Great Broad Restoration Project would provide in the delivery of objectives for the Authority's Biodiversity and Water Strategy. However, the Broads Authority was also cognisant of the views of the Navigation Committee and indeed supported that the project should also be able to achieve better public access to the project area to meet one of the Broads Authority's purposes: promoting opportunities for the understanding and enjoyment of the special qualities of the Broads by the public. The Broads Authority therefore supported Natural England's application for external funding conditional on the achievement of better public access to the project area. This conditional support will encourage Natural England to achieve better public access to the project area with the landowner and we look forward to receiving the outcome of such engagement.

As previously advised, the Navigation Committee will return to the issue concerning the "Legal Position of Broads Closed to Navigation" at a future meeting, to allow members to have a full understanding of the issues. It is hoped that this will be included on the agenda for the meeting on 23 October 2014.

It is regrettable that you have found the responses to your questions unsatisfactory, but you are very welcome to listen to the continuing debate on the issue concerning the legality of closed broads at the next meeting of the Navigation Committee should you wish to or, of course, to pose any further written questions that you might wish to ask in order to explore the issue.

Kind Regards

David Broad  
Chairman of the Navigation Committee