

# Broadland Catchment Partnership - Steering Group Meeting

## MINUTES



Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016 (10am – 12.30pm)

Harnser Room, Dragonfly House, Environment Agency, 2 Gilders Way, Norwich, NR3 1UB

**Attendees:** Andrea Kelly (Chair), Richard Cooper, David Diggins, Charlie Ennals, Lizzy Griffiths (EA guest), John Hiskett, Rosanna Kellingray, Bridget Marr, Neil Punchard, Rory Sanderson, Ian Skinner, Alison Smyth, Christina Stevens, Tim Strudwick, Rob Wise, Lottie Carlton (minutes).

**Apologies:** Barry Bendall, Graham Brown, Geoff Doggett, Matthew Philpot, Richard Reynolds

	Action items	Actions
1.	<b>Welcome, introductions, apologies</b>	None
	Apologies were received as above.	
2.	<b>Minutes of the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> Aug 2015</b>	
	The minutes were agreed as accurate. It was agreed to make the minutes briefer in future. Dates and information to be provided prior to the meeting.	
3.	<b>BCP key activity since the last steering group meeting</b>	
	<p><b>Farmer Group inaugural meeting</b> Two themes emerged from the meeting as follows: (1) Farmer and local led, reach out to greater numbers. (2) Direct engagement/involvement with BCP needed. <b>Decision:</b> Subgroups to be encouraged where not already present. Nominated representatives from these invited to BCP steering group meetings. <b>Actions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Circulate meeting notes.</li> <li>• Chase up farmers who hadn't yet responded.</li> <li>• Take forward ideas with farmers.</li> </ul> <p><b>Web map and water sensitive farming:</b> The catchment mapping would be presented using tablets at the Royal Norfolk Show on the WaterLIFE stand with the Norfolk Rivers Trust. <b>Action:</b> Mapping to be provided for AS to use on site visits.</p>	<p>NP RW RW/NP</p> <p>NP</p>
4.	<b>Potential funding update</b>	
	<p><b>Wet grassland HLF/LIFE bid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sept submission for £1.5million bid over 5 years.</li> <li>• Overlap with CSF - opportunity to work together/match funding.</li> <li>• Support for using BCP as umbrella organisation for funding partners.</li> </ul> <p><b>Action:</b> AK to circulate the draft bid. Further ideas/comments to be sent to AK.</p> <p><b>CANAPE Interreg bid:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• RSPB led bid re managing peatland ecosystems, markets for wetland products.</li> <li>• Expression of interest has been submitted. Will find out in Sept if invited to submit full application (deadline Jan 2017).</li> </ul> <p><b>Major retailer land management advice discussions:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• National Parks UK met with Tesco regarding 20 top products with impacts on carbon and the environment mapped across national parks.</li> <li>• BCP highlighted with a business case being drafted for the Broads Authority Area.</li> <li>• Steering group comments: Care needs to be taken over the relationship and that</li> </ul>	<p>AK/All</p>

	<p>this is not an endorsement of Tesco and is a positive incentive driven approach that is aiming to work with Tesco suppliers on a voluntary basis, the process developed is seeking to be positive and relevant for other catchments in the Tesco supply chain.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> CSF looking at this nationally – RK to provide contacts to AK.</p> <p><b>EXTRA ITEM: NERC/ESIP</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• NERC leading on ESIP - £5million bid from East re natural environment research used for marketable/business cases. Further information available from RC.</li> </ul>	<b>RK</b>
<b>5.</b>	<b>River management update</b>	
	<p><b>Dredging of main rivers and environmental permitting:</b> RS updated the steering group on Environment Agency changes to flood risk consents from 6<sup>th</sup> April 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flood Risk Activity Permit replaces Flood Risk consent for main rivers.</li> <li>• The permit now includes desilting.</li> <li>• Exclusions and exemptions information explained.</li> <li>• Guidance on previously straightened rivers/ditches/drains explained.</li> </ul> <p><b>Actions:</b> Information to be circulated to steering group. Check the interpretation of sites near to protected sites and update group.</p> <p><b>De-maining update:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 6 watercourses in Broadland for de-maining (EA stopping management, moving to IDB/Local Authorities): Top of Yare, Spixworth Beck, Stone Beck, Tudd, white water from Lenwade to Whitwell</li> <li>• Key issues re past maintenance and sensitivities being handed over.</li> </ul> <p><b>EXTRA ITEM: Budget</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BCP budget figures circulated highlighting almost £25k available to be either spent or reserved.</li> </ul> <p><b>Decision:</b> Funding for projects requires Steering Group approval.</p>	<b>NP RS</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Partner updates</b>	
	<p><b>RK:</b> CSF budget settlement lower than hoped for (£4.5million) resulting in only 2 rather than 4 catchment officers in BCP area. Focus will be on SSSIs with diffuse water plans and reactive work. An updated catchment plan for the Broads is being carried out. Victoria Fradley due to return from maternity leave.</p> <p><b>DD:</b> WaterLIFE project off to flying start. AS providing 3 days/week farm advise.</p> <p><b>CE:</b> Mid-Tier and a few Higher Tier applications are in.</p> <p><b>TS:</b> Catfield water abstraction decision to appeal expected by July.</p> <p><b>RC:</b> Wensum DTC monitoring extended from Sept to April 2017 incl. sediment trap monitoring. NP/AS to follow up.</p> <p><b>RS/BM:</b> BM moving to different role, Amy Prendergast will attend BCP meetings. Funding secured for staff support for N Trust and Bure Valley Partnership.</p>	
<b>7.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	
	None.	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> A doodle poll (for Sept 2016) will be circulated to arrange the next meeting date.</p>	

### Action Summary

Who	What	Deadline
NP	Circulate meeting notes.	Jul 2016
RW	Chase up farmers who hadn't yet responded re BCP involvement.	Jun 2016
RW/NP	Take forward sub-group ideas with farmers.	Mar 2017
NP	Mapping to be provided for AS to use on site visits.	Jul 2016
AK	Circulate draft Wet Grassland HLF/LIFE bid for comments.	Jun 2016
RK	CSF looking at carbon/environment impacts of products nationally – RK to provide contacts to AK.	Jul 2016
NP	Information on changes to EA flood risk consents to be circulated.	Jul 2016
RS	Flood risk consents: Check the interpretation of sites near to protected sites and update group.	Sep 2016

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