

## South Rivers Committee Report 2020-21

This report covers the time since the first Covid 19 lockdown & I am pleased to report we are about to start having live meetings again ( hopefully).

There are a couple of successes to report, following our site meeting with BA Officers in 2018 on the River Chet concerning the breach in the Wherrymans Way, which it was suggested could be permanently diverted. After a few false starts it is now confirmed that this winter's dredging will provide material to make up the path where necessary & new bridges will be provided. Chedgrave & Loddon Parish Councils have both been keeping the pressure on with both the Broads Authority & Norfolk County Council. The other purpose of the visit concerning overstaying craft on 24 Hour Moorings has largely been solved particularly since the end of lockdown when there was some leniency shown, our thanks to the new Ranger.

Following our meeting with Surlingham Parish Council, they & their neighbours have also been engaging with the two footpath authorities concerning disappearing & abandoned footpaths.

The Southern Rivers Committee has responded to many Planning Applications mostly with "Support" or "No objection", but with occasional "Objections" where we have provided "Material Considerations" based on the Local Plan for the Broads. This is about to have its periodic revision and we will be keeping an eye on this as it progresses. We are also taking an interest in the East Norwich Regeneration Proposals which could include a Marina.

During Lockdown when the Broads Authority, like other Planning Authorities, were holding their meetings virtually it was possible to watch & listen to all of the proceedings which was most interesting. There are many who consider this to be a good option going forward but would require Government Action.

It is worth noting the revised Code of Practice for members of the Planning Committee and officers retains the provision for a member of the Broads Society to attend any Planning Committee application site visits (Though they are currently few and far between).