



MINUTES

Title East Midlands Waterway – Northern Waterway Forum

Date 10 March 2015

Venue Pyewipe Inn, Lincoln

Attendees

Name	Representative of
Sean McGinley	Canal and River Trust - East Midlands
David Godfrey	Canal and River Trust - East Midlands
Stuart Garner	Canal and River Trust - Enforcement
Dave Carnell	IWA
Penny Carnell	IWA
Nigel Williams	Neighbour
Les Reid	Newark Crusader
Harry Richardson	RWBC / CCS
Shirley Rogers	BMYC
Mick Sheehan	West Stockwith Basin
Barry Sweet	Scunthorpe & District
Wilf Warney	West Stockwith Basin
Adrian Pailthorpe	Lincoln Boat Club
John Morley	Marnham Boat Club
Malcom Fielding	SY IWA
Neil Ward	Canal and River Trust – Lock Keeper
James Wilkinson	Newark Crusader
Ken Cutts	Sheffield Boat Club
John Bannister	Lincoln Canoe Club
Dave Mylett	Lincoln Canoe Club
Ray Rogers	The Boating Association
John Blashkin	The Derby Motor Boat Club
Alyson Kettle	The Derby Motor Boat Club
Simon Breeze	Lincoln Residential Moorings
Tracey Walker	Lincoln Residential Moorings

Apologies

Chris Hayes	David Pullen
Steve Hayes	Frances Audas
David Kent	Dennis Audas
David Dawson	Keith Van De burgh
Martin Long	Julie and George Drakett

Agenda item:	Item:	Action by:
1	Minutes of the last meeting	
	West Stockwith Water supply problems at West Stockwith persist. The one at the Yacht Club is not working as the Yacht club has turned it off. SM will continue to chase this with the boating trade team.	SM
	Navigation on the River Witham in Winter SM has asked for spot dredging to be carried out in the area around Chapel Hill. Shirley Rogers asked if Sleas & Bain dredging could be included in plans. SM to check.	SM
	Damage to the car park at Bardney SM reported that the EA are planning some works that could improve the parking situation at Bardney.	
	Horse Boating SM had sent horse boating document to Harry Richardson and a trial walk has been carried out which went well.	
	Car Parking at Lincoln Pot holes have been filled. The two sheds will be demolished as soon as possible.	SM
	Light broken at Lincoln Moorings Light has now been fixed.	
	Problem with septic tank at Lincoln SM has reminded Sandy that this should be done frequently, although the long term issue is more of a design fault.	
	River Trent Dredging SM has raised notifications for the sand bars at Cromwell. Spot dredging is due to be carried out. SM to chase.	SM
	Meeting with Richard Parry SM tried but failed to set up a local meeting with Richard Parry and apologised to the meeting. SM to get a new date for this.	SM
	Bollards at the Gate Inn The recently installed bollards opposite the winding hole have now been removed.	
	Sign for Visitor Moorings at Shireoaks The signs for the visitor moorings at Shireoaks have now been checked and CRT are happy they are correct.	

	Dredging on the River Witham – SM confirmed that it was still in the plan for 2016/17. SM to monitor progress.	SM
	Gates on Lincoln Visitor Moorings – SM confirmed that all these gates have BW locks but one is not working. He had been unable to get a contact at the council on this matter. DC said he would speak to the EA about signing the moorings on the north side upstream of Stamp End Lock.	DC
	Bardney Lock fenders – SM confirmed this work had been done.	
	Overhanging copings at Shaw Lock – a notification has been raised and it will be done in priority order.	
	Overhanging trees near Gringley – works have been completed.	
	Offside vegetation at Coopers Bridge – works have been completed.	
	Silt build up downstream of Bridge 75 – a notification has been raised and the issue will be dealt with by our estates team	
	Weed cutting – “weed watch” cards have been produced and will be handed out by the lock keepers from April onwards.	
	CCTV needed at West Stockwith – Moorings team are considering this request.	Moorings team
	Dredging required at various locations along the Chesterfield - notifications have been raised.	
	Weed cutting on the Witham – SM reported that an extra 15 days of weed cutting had been added to the contract for starting in May.	
	Bardney Lock gates do not shut properly – this work is in the plan for this coming winter. SM to monitor progress	SM
2	Enforcement SG took questions from the floor on enforcement issues SR congratulated SG on removing a particular narrowboat from Tattershall Moorings. LR congratulated SG on removing a particular boat from the Newark area. All round good news and great to hear.	
3	National Update SM reported that the Trust has recently appointed a Head of Customer Service, Ian Rogers. He had only just started and was looking at improvements he could make to the business. SM explained that a review of short term moorings was underway but one change already agreed was to allow 14 day mooring on most visitor moorings in winter.	

	<p>SM explained the new waterway structure with a handout, describing how most technical functions such as construction and engineering were now carried out centrally whereas the waterway would now concentrate on Customer Service and developing customer relations. Part of this would involve taking on a Development & Engagement Manager and Liz Fleuty was to take up that post on April 1st.</p> <p>SM reported that there was a new campaign to stop people from feeding bread to ducks as this was unhealthy for them. Better options include oats, corn and lettuce.</p> <p>SM reported that national water resources (after a sunny winter) were healthy with our reservoirs at 108% of their Long Term Average. All but one group of reservoirs is at 95% full, with the exception being the Caldron group at 89% full.</p> <p>SM reported that the waterway would soon be tackling the speeding cyclist's issues in Nottingham with signs and possibly rangers and traffic calming, starting in April.</p> <p>SM commented that he was working with Dave Pullen and Jon Skinner on a survey and press release to find out why some boater choose not to go onto Rivers and in particular the River Trent. Reducing the price of the charts was suggested.</p>	<p>SM</p> <p>SM</p>
<p>4</p>	<p>Works Update</p> <p><u>Chesterfield Canal</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Stockwith Lock Stoppage – Top lock gates replaced, and numerous lock repairs completed including ground paddles, lock ladders & lock chamber works. Aswell as Lock Stoppage 'Open Day' held onsite. • Wiseton Top Bridge Stoppage - All planned works completed, onsite works over ran by 1 week due to additional works identified on de-watering. • Ranby – Bank protection works, onsite piling completed and towpath bank repairs. <p>Upcoming works –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Retford Lock – Lockside fencing replacement • Forest Middle Top Lock – Lock approach repairs to upstream & downstream <p>Visitor Mooring works & New Visitor Moorings – Chesterfield Canal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wooden Beck – New Visitor Mooring created 70m's • Gate Inn Clarborough – Visitor Moorings extend, available space doubled • Randy (A1 upstream) - New Visitor Mooring created 80m's • Babworth – New Visitor Mooring, works in progress will be 120m's on completion of works. 	

	<p><u>River Trent</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gunthorpe Lock – Gate ram & anchor repairs, and upstream lock approach landing / coping repairs. <p>Current works onsite –</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cromwell Lock – Lock side concrete edge & Coping repairs, fender & timber replacements <p><u>Fossdyke & Witham</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Boston Lock – Traffic Light replacement • Boston Lock – Tidal side approach overhead lighting replacement • Tattershall Visitor Moorings – Re decking works, GRP decking installed • Landrick Visitor Moorings – Dredging works to moorings completed • Antons Gowt Lock – Lock Gate fendering repairs completed <p><u>Winter Stoppages 2015 - 2016</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Newark Town Lock, likely to be November 2015 • Jan / Feb 2016 Stoppages TBC <p>Newark Town Lock is likely to be used as an open day for this coming winter when we dewater the pound to carry out various repairs.</p> <p>It was suggested we provide a facility for teas and coffees at the event.</p>	
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5	<p>Items raised by members</p> <p>MS asked if works could be carried out to the towpath between West Stockwith and Misterton. SM said he could not promise a wholesale resurfacing but could carry out some repairs works. SM to raise a notification for these works.</p>	SM
	MS commented that the Diesel price at West Stockwith was very high. SM said he would look into it.	SM
	DC mentioned that the EA and LCC were looking at various issues surrounding the water level management in Boston in relation to the new barrier. SM said consultation with CRT was variable but he would press for the best possible outcome for boaters.	
	DC commented that there was an opportunities study going ahead for watercourses in Lincoln. SM responded that he had spoken to the consultant about this, and that he would try and get something out of the study that would be of benefit to our users.	
	WW asked if additional moorings rings could be installed to West Stockwith Visitor Moorings. DG to review & action works as required.	DG
	HR asked if Peter Moore could advise on the licence arrangements for the Dawn Rose. SM to ask.	SM

	JB asked if the toilets and sluice at Newark Town Lock could be reinstated. SM to enquire, but it is likely to depend on funding.	SM
	Nigel Williams asked what the rings were for just outside his property near the Gate Inn. DG to enquire.	DG
	John Blashkin asked to be added to the Southern User Group list of attendees. <i>(Done)</i>	SM
	James Wilkinson asked for the trees to be cut back in the Newark Dyke to help the rowing club. SM said he would try to get some works done. <i>(Post meeting note – birds were found to be nesting so works are now planned for October)</i>	SM

Date Of Next Meeting Tue 6th October 2015 at 7pm

Location Of Next Meeting Retford & Worksop Boat Club