



REVIVEL

Restoration of sufficient flow that sustains brown trout all year round in the Upper Ivel

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MINUTES INAUGURAL MEETING OF THE RevIvel Association OCTOBER 21st 2019 Radwell Village Hall

1. Signing in: 29 attended the meeting (20 actually signed in)
2. Introduction: Sharon Moat welcomed everyone, explained why “RevIvel” is needed and that we had met up on September 9th 2019 at the Brew House, Radwell beside the completely dry river Ivel bed. At this September meeting Catherine had invited Affinity Water and Environment Agency to give presentations to local concerned people and councillors from the North Hertfordshire District Council, and these presentations did not satisfy our calls for more water in the upper Ivel.
3. Call to Action: Richard Meredith Hardy then gave a power point presentation including the history and current state of the river and rainfall, emphasizing the fact that this river should have flow all year round and is not a winterbourne stream.
4. Membership. There was a proposal that membership should be £10 per annum per person. This was adopted by all.
5. Review and Adopt Constitution. A constitution had been drawn up by Richard and run past Catherine Wilmers, Sharon Moat and Bernard Butt. Paper copies were handed around the Meeting. This was adopted.
6. Patron and announcement: Catherine Wilmers announced that Nick Rogers, Emeritus Professor of Earth Sciences at the Open University and current President of the Geological Association of London, has accepted to be Patron of RevIvel
7. Elections presented by Bernard Butt.
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Treasurer: Graham Kingsley (using Radwell Parish Meeting bank account for the immediate future)
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Other committee members: Roger Smith, Stuart Ward
8. Any other business: General discussion and response to recent letter from Oliver Heald MP including draft proposals for AMP7. The meeting was told that RevIvel have taken on an independent hydrogeologist, Rick Brassington.
9. The Association's aims are:
 - To monitor and raise awareness of the state of the upper river Ivel from its source at Baldock to its confluence with the River Hiz at Henlow.
 - To secure a minimum flow in the river of 5 Ml/day at Blackhorse farm and 14 Ml/day below Radwell Mill.
 - To secure a water quality in the entire upper Ivel adequate to support a permanent population of brown trout for which the upper Ivel was once famous.