

## River Bure – ITEM 5 (b) TONY BARNETT

### What I have learned:

1. The River Bure is a “public good. It is a chalk river of national and international importance. It does not belong to the village alone. This was noted several times in the Neighbourhood Plan (pp. 23) “The River Bure is Habitat Priority Area ... in accordance with National Planning Policy Framework, the overall goal is to minimise pollution and and other adverse effects on the local and national environment ...”

So, this does not “belong” to village in any absolute sense, but we do have responsibilities in relation to it.

2. The importance of keeping PC records with great care, as per our proposed Standing Orders, notably Section 18 (b) (c) (d).
3. That we must all be very grateful to Guy Hodgson, Stephen Fenney and especially our new clerk, Amanda Yacoubian for construction of the history of the historic work on the Bure undertaken by the PC. Might it be possible to append this important document to the minutes of this meeting?
4. And finally, and with great respect to Stephen Fenney our chair tonight, I have to reluctantly mention some concerns from people in the village who have read the minutes of our meetings and asked me whether, as a resident of the Mill House, Stephen might have considered expressing an interest in this matter when it was originally discussed. I have told them that they should address this question to him.