

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at Ilketshall St Andrew Village Hall on 8th July 2024 at 7 p.m.

Present: Tim Basey-Fisher (T B-F) (Chairman)
John Bedwell (JB) (Secretary)
Rod Apps (RA)
Lea Ingham (LI)
Jack Poulden (JP)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody, apologies for absence had been received from Roo Lee (RL) and Chris Roberts (CR).

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 8th April 2024

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 8th April 2024 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

3.1 Item 3.1, that matter has yet to be dealt with.

Action: RA

3.2 Item 10.2, the Land Registry had confirmed that an application for adverse possession in respect of Dairy Barn had been received, but it had still to be reviewed.

4. Board Member to replace Gerald Godfrey/ New Constitution

4.1 The issue of the revised Constitution will be discussed at the next Parish Council meeting in August.

5. Finance

5.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £75591.

5.2 Cheques were signed for Chris Roberts (Padlocks, Strimming gateways and The Mardle) and the Village Hall (hire of the Hall 22 January and 8 July).

5.3 Bond No.3 is due to mature on 29th July and Bond No. 4 on 2nd August. Options from Hampshire Trust Bank are awaited, JB is to use his initiative with regard to re-investment.

Action: JB

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion/ Communication

6.1 RA will produce a draft for the July/August Newsletter. Topics covered will include Work completed since the AGM, Changes to Overwintering Areas, Sheep on the Commons, Future Work planned and Finance.

Action: RA

7. Hay Cut 2024/ Overwintering Areas

7.1 All existing overwintering areas on all commons are to be cut and replaced with just two new areas on Great Common. The hay cut on Great Common has been completed with the exception of that area containing the Devil's Bit Scabious. This will be cut by Brain Andrews as part of the late cut. The remaining commons have yet to be cut, but once they are, T B-F will deal with the overwintering areas associated with those commons.

Action: T B-F

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8. Funding, Newly Released SFI Options

- 8.1 There was considerable discussion of the new SFI options and what they mean for future funding but it remains to be seen if a mechanism for moving from HLS to SFI within the period of the agreement will be introduced.
- 8.2 JP will try to provide somebody with the relevant expertise to provide guidance on the new options, perhaps via a meeting in November(ish). **Action: JP**

9. Results of Soil Sampling

- 9.1 The results of the soil sampling have been received but have yet to be circulated. **Action: JP**

10. Boundary Issues

- 10.1 There was considerable discussion of the Glebe Farm boundaries. LI's solicitor's view is that the posts are sited on what is unequivocally Common land, and therefore they need to be removed. LI disputed this and a site meeting was agreed for Saturday 20th July @ 9 a.m. in an attempt to resolve this issue. T B-F will provide expanded versions of the Land Registry maps and any other evidence to assist a resolution. **Action: T B-F**

11. Other Issues

- 11.1 The pedestrian access for Blacksmith's Common has yet to be constructed. **Action: T B-F**
- 11.2 RA reported that RES are continuing with discussions with Highways and ecological surveys in relation to the proposed Solar Farm. The meeting confirmed that any objection by the LMC to the proposal would be only in relation to the possible loss of common land.

12. Field Trip Ravensingham Estate 10th July 2024

- 12.1 Twenty-six residents have signed up for the visit which will be followed by a buffet lunch at the Lock's Inn, Geldeston.

13. Sheep on the Commons

- 13.1 RA has identified a number of local graziers who might be interested in putting their animals on the commons
- 13.2 It was considered important to find out how sheep could assist management of the commons and to this end RA will contact Suffolk Wildlife Trust and JP will contact an acquaintance in Norfolk Wildlife Trust. **Action: RA, JP**

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 There was no Any Other Business.

15. Date of the Next Meeting

- 15.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 21st October 2024 at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.26 hours.

J Bedwell
13th July 2024

2 Signed JCBay

Date 21/10/2024