

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at Ilketshall St Andrew Village Hall on 22nd January 2024 at 7 p.m.

Present: Tim Basey-Fisher (T B-F) (Chairman)
John Bedwell (JB) (Secretary)
Rod Apps (RA)
Gerald Godfrey (GG)
Lea Ingham (LI)
Jack Poulden (JP)
Chris Roberts (CR)
Roo Lee (RL)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 16th October 2023

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 16th October 2023 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

3.1 Item 3.1, the Parish Council has approved the revised constitution but nothing has been heard from the Commoner's Association, perhaps it will be discussed and approved at their AGM on 5th February.

3.2 Item 5.1, according to Tim Schofield there are few funding options available, but many more SFIs are to be issued later this year. At the moment it is better to stay as we are.

3.3 Item 5.2 the problem of the caravan and a van by Blacksmith cottages has yet to be dealt with.

Action: RA

3.4 Item 13.2 work on the small pond on Great Common is on hold until next winter.

3.5 Item 13.4 details of the proposed meandering path around English Cottage pond will be provided by CR before T B-F contacts near neighbours of the pond.

Action: CR, T B-F

3.6 Item 4.7, the installation of the bench on Great Common has yet to be actioned. **Action: T B-F**

4. Finance

4.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £80423. Since the last meeting there has been receipt of the BPS Final Payment and H.I.S for 2023.

4.2 Cheques were written for Brian Andrews (Cutting paths and flailing), John Bedwell (Bird Seed and ICO Renewal) and the Village Hall hire.

4.2 Draft accounts for the year 1st October 2022 – 30th September 2023, prepared by Lovewell Blake L.L.P, were approved by the Board and duly signed. These will now be returned to Lovewell Blake for the preparation of the final accounts and lodging these with Companies House. **Action: JB**

5. LMC Website and LMC Promotion

5.1 CR reported that the 'Works Completed' page of the website has been updated as and when necessary and a copy of the Draft Management Plan had been added.

6. Winter Work

6.1 Low hanging branches at Beck's Green, Holden's and Pear Dyke had been dealt with.

6.2 The ditch at the South end of Beck's Green needs digging out.

Action: T B-F

6.3 GG will speak to Sharon Mortimer with regard to grazing sheep on the over-wintered areas.

Action: GG

1 Signed 

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7. Implementation of the Management Plan 2023 - 2024

- 7.1 A Commons Commissioners decision in 1977 had decided that there was no known owner of CL136. LI has provided a copy of this judgement to her solicitor and is waiting to hear them. As soon as she does, she will inform T B-F. **Action: LI**

8. Issues

- 8.1 T B-F has yet to construct the proposed pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common. **Action: T B-F**
- 8.2 As a result of the purchase of parcels of land associated with commons rights, the occupants of Hawthorn Farm (1 cow) and Moat Farm House (½ cow) were now judged to qualify as commoners.

9. Reserved Business

- 9.1 There were a number of items of reserved business

10. Arrangements for AGM 19th February 2024

- 10.1 RL will provide a display board and will organise the raffle with help from LI. **Action: RL, LI**
- 10.2 It is hoped that somebody can give a short talk after the end official business. CR will contact Graham Hart, SWT CWS officer and GG will contact Emily Winter (of the Farsham Wetland Centre?). A donation of £50 plus expenses plus a raffle ticket will be made.
- 10.3 Directors will need to be available from 6.30 on the night to set up the Hall. **Action: ALL**

11. Any Other Business

- 11.1 CR will investigate tree-planting in the scrubby area of Blacksmith's Common and will also investigate the possibility of adding signs on to the 'Quiet Lanes' posts that say that the commons are a CWS. **Action: CR**

12. Date of the Next Meeting

- 12.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 8th April 2024 at the Village Hall.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.46 hours.

J Bedwell
25th January 2024

2 Signed J. Bedwell

Date 08/04/2024