

**Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at the Village Hall on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 7 p.m.**

Present: Tim Basey-Fisher (T B-F) (Chairman)  
John Bedwell (JB) (Secretary)  
Rod Apps (RA)  
Chris Roberts (CR)  
Roo Lee (RL)  
Jack Poulden (JP)  
June Hall (JH)

**1. Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody.

**2. Minutes of the Meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

**3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda**

3.1 There were no matters arising.

**4. LMC Constitution and Review of Long-term Objectives**

4.1 The Parish Council agreed the revised LMC constitution at their meeting on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024. The revised version is now available on both the PC and LMC websites.

4.2 The Long term Objectives of the LMC as listed in the Management Plan were reviewed. It was agreed that they are still appropriate and that there was no reason to amend them.

**5. Finance**

5.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £78175.

5.2 Concern was expressed about the cost of accountancy fees. RL will contact her accountant to see if he would be any cheaper. **Action: RL**

5.3 Cheques were written for Village Hall hire, Website maintenance and Suffolk Wildlife Trust membership plus a donation

5.4 Future funding was discussed. At present things look bleak, members should keep an ear to the ground for new developments.

5.5 Fixed rate Bonds 2 and 4 mature in April. It was agreed that Bond 4 should be re-invested for 2 years at 4.4%. The interest rate for Bond 2 was not yet available but it was likely to be similar in which case it would be re-invested for 1 year only. **Action: JB**

**6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion/ Communication**

6.1 The website is up-to-date with recent minutes, work completed and new images.

**7. Winter Work Programme, Flailing of Small Overwintering Areas**

7.1 Since the last meeting 4 work parties had taken place. Overhangs had been removed at Blacksmith's Common (s) and CL 136 had been cleared of rubbish with some of the post and rail fencing removed. There will be further work required here but it will now wait until the autumn.

7.2 A solution to the puddle problem in School Road has been identified. A twin wall pipe needs to be laid under the Glebe Farm drive so that water in the ditch by the puddle could drain into the pond. An estimate of £450 for this work had been obtained and it was agreed that this work should be carried out when conditions were suitable. The outlet of Glebe Farm pond also needed to be cleared and this would be done with a work party.

7.3 A ditch at Blacksmith's had been dug out together with that between Little Common and Pear Dyke.

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Signed 

Date 14.10.2025

- 7.4 Simon Topham was on notice to carry out strimming of gateways, accesses and pond frontages as needed.
- 7.5 It was thought that Adrian should not continue to cut the paths at Beck's Green and Brian Andrews will be asked if he can carry out this work. If he cannot, then other contractors will be approached. The possibility of purchasing a suitable flail was discussed.

#### 8. Correspondence and Filing

- 8.1 A difficulty occurred recently when correspondence from 9 years ago could not be found. It demonstrated a need for a central filing system, both for e-mails and scanned letters which could be accessed by any Board member at a later date. After considerable discussion a possible solution was identified – Dropbox. JP will circulate a note saying how such a system would work while T B-F will speak to his IT consultant.

Action: JP, T B-F

#### 9. Field Trip, Barker's Farm Westhorpe, Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

- 9.1 This will be a tractor/trailer job, similar to our last visit in 2015, followed by lunch possibly at Hoxne where a pub has offered a buffet for £12 a head. CR will check this out and if acceptable, it will be booked and attendees on the day will have to pay half i.e. £6.

Action: CR

#### 10. Reserved Business

- 10.1 There were a number of items of reserved business.

#### 11. Other Issues

- 11.1 It was agreed that the pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common should be moved to the other side of the road and a path be cut leading walkers down to the gateway at the junction with Mill Lane.
- 11.2 The curzon on Blacksmith's Common belongs to the tenant at Number 2, will she take it with her when she goes? JH will investigate
- 11.3 JP knows the owner of the van parked on Blacksmith's and will speak to him about it.
- 11.4 The proposed solar farm at Ringsfield Road should not affect any of the commons, at least according to the information provided at the recent drop-in day. Things will be clearer once a planning application is submitted.
- 11.5 RA has been informed by RES that a new access route to the Shipmeadow Solar Farm has been recommended by Suffolk Highways. RA will ask RES to provide details of this route.

Action: T B-F

Action: JH

Action: JP

Action: RA

#### 12. Any Other Business

- 12.1 The Village Hall car park plus the surrounding area is currently not registered. RA is pursuing a claim for adverse possession on behalf of the Parish Council.

#### 13. Date of Next Meeting will be 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.18 hours.

J Bedwell  
10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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