

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketchall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at the Village Hall on 14th July 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. Apologies were received from Rod Apps (RA) and Jack Poulden (JP).

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 7th April 2025

- 2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 7th April 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

- 3.1 Item 7.2, the work referred to has been carried out.
3.2 Item 7.5, Brian Andrews has agreed to cut the paths at Beck's Green.

4. Finance

- 5.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £77207.
5.2 Cheques were written for Village Hall hire and cost of the Field Trip less the deposit of £6 per head.
5.3 There is a short-term cash flow problem with no funds expected to be received until later in the year. Bond 1 matures in August and Bond 3 matures in October before the next scheduled meeting. It was agreed that providing that the interest rates offered were competitive, both Bonds will be re-invested with Hampshire Trust Bank but £5000 will be withdrawn from Bond 1 and transferred to the Santander current account. **Action: JB**
5.4 It was agreed that Jonny van Dijk will replace Lovewell Blake as the LMC's accountant. He will be asked about Business Banking Accounts, the LMC's Santander current account is to introduce a monthly fee from 1 October. **Action: JB**

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion/ Communication

- 6.1 The website is up-to-date with recent minutes, etc. having been added.
6.2 CR is to investigate putting videos on to the website. **Action: CR**

7. Correspondence and Filing

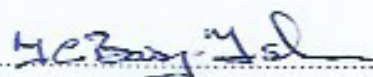
- 7.1 CR will set up a WhatsApp group to facilitate easier communication between the Board members. **Action: CR**
7.2 A central system for storing, sharing and accessing correspondence and e-mails such as Dropbox will be discussed at the next meeting, T B-F will speak to his IT consultant. **Action: T B-F**

8. Hay Cut 2025

- 8.1 The hay cut was completed between 30th June and 4th July but no count of the number of bales has been received yet. CR will send details of the areas cut to allow the contractors to invoice the LMC.
8.2 T B-F will organise the cutting of those areas too small to be cut with the contractor's kit. **Action: T B-F**

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Signed



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- 8.3 It was agreed to purchase a flail that CR had identified as being suitable for many of the tasks around the commons. It is being sold for £700 + VAT. He will travel to Melton Constable to view the flail and effect the purchase if it is in good order. **Action: CR**

9. Field Trip, Barker's Farm Westhorpe, Wednesday 9th July

- 9.1 This was a tractor/trailer job, similar to our last visit in 2015. Coffee was provided before Patrick Barker showed us around various aspects of the farm where he combines profitable farming with measures to improve biodiversity. This was followed by an excellent buffet lunch at Needham Red Lion. CR was thanked for organising a splendid day out for the 20 participants.

10. Reserved Business

- 10.1 There were a number of reserved items.

11. Other Issues

- 11.1 The pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common has yet to be installed. **Action: T B-F**
11.2 The issue of cars parked on Blacksmith's Common has still to be resolved.
11.3 A planning application for the solar farm at Ringsfield Road has been submitted.
11.4 The solar farm at Shipmeadow will be discussed at the next meeting.
11.5 JH complained about brambles encroaching on to her property. They will be added to the autumn flailing programme.

12. Any Other Business

- 12.1 There has been a request for the overflow car park adjacent to the village hall to be used by a youth group as a campground for one night in June 2026. Concern was expressed that giving permission would set a precedent. CR will ask for more details before a decision is made. **Action: CR**
12.2 The Village Hall car park plus the surrounding area is currently not registered to the Village Hall. RA has prepared the required documentation to pursue a claim for adverse possession on behalf of the Parish Council. The meeting had no objection to him proceeding with the claim.

13. Date of Next Meeting will be 6th October 2025.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.07 hours.

J Bedwell
20th July 2025