

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilkeshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. Via Zoom on 11th January 2021 at 7 p.m.

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

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody.

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 12th October 2020

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 12th October 2020 were agreed and were to be signed by the Chairman outside the meeting.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

- 3.1 Item 5.2, As indicated in the LMC Newsletter circulated to all households in the two villages recently, the LMC will be making a start on liaising with property owners adjoining the Commons to establish the agreed boundaries of the Commons.
- 3.2 Item 5.6, The results of the Pond Survey have been posted on the website.

4. Finance

- 4.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £76708.43. Since the last Board meeting payments of BPS 2020 (£7215.27) and HLS 2020 (5836.10) had been received. There had been payments to GG for hay-cutting for years 2018-2020 (2539.92).
- 4.2 Cheques were to be signed outside the meeting for:
- a) JB, ICO Annual Fee and Bird Seed (£117)
 - b) Lovewell Blake, Accountancy Fee (£618)
 - c) LN & RE Andrews, Cutting paths, flailing etc. (£1941.60)
- 4.3 Accounts prepared by Lovewell Blake LLP were approved by the Board and will be signed outside the meeting.
- 4.4 The application for the ELS/HLS extension has been submitted after consultations with the Commoners indicated that no-one is going to do things contrary to the agreement.

5. Implementation of the Management Plan (MP)

- 5.1 A Progress Report of work carried out up to November 2020 was circulated to the Commoners Association and also posted on the website. It was noted that most of the objectives of the MP had been achieved.
- 5.2 The Draft Management Plan (DMP) for March 2021 – February 2022 had been circulated to the Commoners for comments. The DMP will also be posted on the website.

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion

- 6.1 The website had been updated with news of the recently completed ditching work.
- 6.2 CR will explore the possibility of linking the text of 'work completed' with relevant photographs.
Action: CR
- 6.3 Often when 'work carried out' is posted it is also publicised on the 'Next Door Neighbourhood' social media with a link to the website. This seems a better way of publicising the work of the LMC, copy submitted to the local newspaper never gets printed.
- 6.4 RL reported that there were 24 new users of the website in December. She will attempt further analysis for the next meeting,
Action: RL

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7. Results of Village Questionnaire

7.1 The response to the questionnaire was better than expected. An analysis has been posted on the website, respondents thought that the highest-priority objective should be to provide a habitat for wild flowers, insects and butterflies. The results will be a useful guide for the future and help in decision making.

8. Review of Work Program

8.1 Work parties tackled all the shallows in the ditches over four sessions. Three oak benches had been installed at Great Common, Mill Common and Beck's Green. Brian Andrews had completed work on maintaining some of the drainage ditches and creating a security bund at The Mardle.

8.2 It was agreed that the ditch on the South side of Little Common should be dug out to alleviate flooding problems in the area. **Action: CR**

8.3 There was some discussion about anti-dog-fouling signs. It was left to JB to choose an appropriate design and organise a supply of roundels. **Action: JB**

9. Reserved Business

9.1 There were several items of reserved business.

10. AGM

10.1 The AGM will be held on 15th February at 7 p.m. vis Zoom. The meeting will be publicised by notices posted on village noticeboards and the website, and a newsletter will give details of the arrangements for joining the meeting. After the official business, there will be an opportunity for discussion of the DMP. **Action: JB, CR, RA**

11. Date of the Next Meeting


11.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 22nd February 2021 at 7pm. to finalise the DMP in the light of comments received from both the commoners and residents.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.09 hours.

J Bedwell
16th January 2021

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