

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. Via Zoom on 11th April 2022 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 4th January 2022

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 4th January 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

3.1 Item 5.1, the claim form for ELS/HLS was only received 2 weeks ago. T B-F will complete it at the same time as that for BPS. He will also endeavour to check the areas claimed on the commons.

Action: T B-F

3.2 Item 8.2, the flooding issue in Great Common Lane was logged with the SCC website and an acknowledgement was received, but there has been no further action. GG and RA will raise the matter when they next meet with Suffolk Highways.

Action: GG, RA

4. Finance

4.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £75655.43. Since the last meeting payments have been made to JB for bird seed, Mike Frost for haymaking, Lovewell Blake accountancy fees and Zurich for the Company's insurance. Cheques will be signed for website maintenance, padlocks, hedging materials, Simon Topham and SWT membership and donation.

4.2 Bond Number 2 matures on 23rd April and Bond Number 3 matures on 9th May. It was agreed that each bond should be re-invested for 1 year.

Action: T B-F, JB

5. Implementation of Management Plan 2022 - 2023

5.1 The over-wintering areas will be cut and bailed once they have dried out enough. T B-F will walk the areas prior to cutting to ensure that there are no ground-nesting birds are affected.

Action: T B-F

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion

6.1 CR reported that the website has been updated with the AGM 2021 minutes and the MP for 2022 – 2023.

7. Winter Work Programme

7.1 Gapping up had been carried out on Great Common.

8. Summer Work Programme

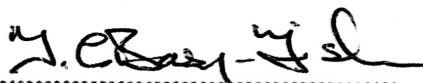
8.1 Simon Topham will be strimming pond fronts and access points, while Brian Andrews is ready to cut the permissive paths.

8.2 Mike Frost has agreed to cut those areas for hay that GG does not do, Blacksmith's haymaking will continue to be organised by June Hall.

8.3 Wild bird areas will be drilled at the appropriate time.

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Signed



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9. Issues

- 9.1 The recent gales had prompted a post on social media questioning whether all trees on common land have been inspected and are safe. RA will contact Joe Griffin to see if he can carry out some sort of survey. Action: RA
- 9.2 Suffolk Highways have approached the LMC alleging that the anti-incursion ditch opposite the village hall is responsible for the flooding in School Road. CR will respond, the flooding has occurred for many years and is not due to this ditch.
- 9.3 There has been no further developments with regard to planting a tree in memory of Chris Bromley on the boundary of Great Common. RA and T B-F will meet to agree on a suitable position for the tree. Action: RA, T B-F

10. Communications, Engagement, and Successional Planning

- 10.1 There was concern that the LMC is not providing sufficient engagement with the community (including both Parishioners and Commoners) in all aspects of the management of the Commons, and that the LMC are not getting a supply of people willing and able to become Directors of the LMC. It was therefore agreed :
 - a) to re-instate face-to-face AGMs.
 - b) to produce a 6-monthly LMC Newsletter. Action: RA
 - c) to arrange a possible field trip for 2022, RL will speak to Doug Hackett. Action: RL
 - d) to invite Juliet Hawkins to give a talk. Action: RA
 - e) to invite residents to sit in on Board meetings with a view to them becoming a Director at some time in the future.

11. Reserved Business

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

12. Any Other Business

- 12.1 There was no Any Other Business.

13. Date of the Next Meeting

- 13.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 11th July 2022 at 7pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.06 hours.

J Bedwell
15th April 2022

2 Signed J.C. Bay-Jid
Date 21/07/2022