

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. Via Zoom on 17th October 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 21st July 2022

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 21st July 2022 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

3.1 Item 7.3 Three bales of late cut hay were supplied to Maisebrooke Farm and the rest went to Michael Walderstone.

3.2 Item 7.5 The locks at Beck's Green previously operated with a key have been replaced with combination locks.

4. Finance

4.1 The current financial position showed total funds of £75632.39. Since the last meeting there has been the receipt of interest on various bonds plus an interim BPS payment and payments have been made for the field trip, haymaking, cutting of paths and the felling of a dangerous tree.

4.2 All bonds have now been re-invested and details of these have been circulated.

4.3 The 30th September marked the end of the financial year and once the bank statement covering this date is received, the accounts will be sent to Lovewell Blake.

4.4 There are outstanding payments for haymaking and website maintenance.

5. Implementation of Draft Management Plan 2023 - 2024

5.1 It is the aim to get a draft of the Draft Management Plan (DMP) finalised by the end of the year.

5.2 A section of 'lawnisation' of the commons will be included and all board members were asked to send to RA any items that they thought should be either deleted from or added to the DMP.

5.3 There was concern about the perceived deterioration of the hay quality and it is not known if any elements of ELMS would help the situation. T B-F will speak to Tim Schofield to enquire whether or not there is at present sufficient clarity in the proposals to justify calling a Zoom meeting to discuss the issue.

6. LMC Website and LMC Promotion

6.1 CR reported that the website has been updated as and when with the minutes of 11th April and information on strimming access points, cutting pathways, the late hay cut and replacement of posts and padlocks

7. Summer/Winter Work Programme

7.1 The late hay cut was made on 17th August, The Mardle was cut by Adrian on 4th September and Simon Topham carried out work on the wetland area plus strimming the access points on 28th September.

7.2 Brian Andrews is currently flailing in accordance with the MP and in addition will cut around the perimeters of the commons in order to keep the rubbish down.

7.3 Winter work will include cutting of willows and overhanging branches.

8. Issues

- 8.1 RA has commenced writing to owners of properties adjoining the commons asking if they agreed with their property boundaries as shown on the Land Registry documentation. He will continue with all properties on Great Common before moving on to another common. **Action: RA**
- 8.2 It had been reported that quad bikes were being driven on Great Common. CR and RL contacted the police who to their credit acted by writing to the offenders warning them not to continue with the practice.
- 8.3 CR had looked for a flail to be purchased by the LMC for use on The Mardle and other areas of grassland too small for 'big kit'. It was decided that no purchase was necessary for now but a suitable flail should be identified which could be purchased when the need arose.
- 8.4 CR will contact the Utting brothers for the cost of removing and carting reedmace that is encroaching in ponds on Great Common, Blacksmiths and The Mardle. **Action: CR**
- 8.5 Joe Griffin will be contacted again about a visit to assess the safety of the trees on the common. In the event of his not being interested, RL will contact her tree surgeon. **Action: RA**

9. Reserved Business

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

10. Any Other Business

- 10.1 CR will contact Juliet Hawkins to ask her to carry out another pond survey in 2023 and the possibility of giving a talk on pond maintenance after this survey. **Action: CR**
- 10.2 The AGM will be held on 13th February 2023. The timetable for the availability of the DMP and subsequent actions will approximate to that outlined at item 10.2 of the minutes of 30th November 2021.

11. Date of the Next Meeting

- 11.1 The date of the next Board meeting will be on Monday 9th January 2023 at 7pm via Zoom.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 22.24 hours.

J Bedwell
21st October 2022

Signed

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