

Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at the Village Hall on 12th January 2026 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)

1. Welcome and Apologies

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody, apologies had been received from June Hall (JH).

2. Minutes of the Meeting of 13th October 2025

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 13th October 2025 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda

3.1 T B-F needs to submit an invoice for the cost of the flail purchased last year. **Action: T B-F**

4. Finance

4.1 The current financial position shows total funds of £87797. The increase in funds since the last meeting is due to receiving the HLS payment for 2025. This has increased from £5836 per annum to £10282 due to the DEFRA putting more money into certain HLS schemes.

4.2 Draft Accounts for y/c 30 September 2025 prepared by the accountants were approved for signing off. It was noted that it now seems that the Company is due for Corporation Tax on the interest on its investments and will amount to £179 this year.

4.3 Cheques were written for Village Hall hire, work done on The Mardle, ICO annual registration and accountants fees.

4.4 Board members were reminded that Companies House requires all directors to verify their identity. Instructions for this process will be recirculated. **Action: ALL**

5. LMC Website, Communication Internal and External, Correspondence and Filing

5.1 The website is up-to-date with recent minutes, etc. having been added.

5.2 T B-F has yet to contact his IT consultant with regard to a filing system accessible to all members. **Action: T B-F**

6. Winter Work

6.1 Flailing of hedges and ditching has been completed.

6.2 Five work parties have completed the work at The Mardle.

6.3 Flailing of the small areas was completed in November.

6.4 The tallows are difficult to keep under control. In future these will be flailed every year.

6.5 There will be an attempt to get the rough areas of Pear Dyke and Blacksmith's into the regular hay cut.

6.6 For the rest of the winter, work parties will concentrate on further clearing of CL136.

7. Field Trip 2026

7.1 The 2026 field trip will take place on 17th June at Bedingham Hall Farm followed by a buffet meal at Geldeston Locks.

7.2 The apiary has been taken over by Alistair Fuller after it was given up by Anne and Polly. He has provided a number of jars of honey to be raffled at the AGM.

7.3 There is due to be a pond survey this year and also a survey to identify any dangerous trees. CR will contact Juliet Hawkins and Joe Griffin respectively. **Action: CR**

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Signed

Tim Basey-Fisher

Date

11/07/2026

8. Draft Management Plan

- 8.1 The Draft Management Plan was agreed with the exception of a description of the overwintering areas in para 2.1. It was thought unnecessarily complicated. CR will draft a simpler version for consideration. **Action: CR**

9. Core Principles/Code of Conduct for LMC Board members

- 9.1 The previously circulated draft was agreed. All members will be required to sign the agreed Code after the AGM.

10. Discussions with RES.

- 10.1 It was agreed not to pursue discussions with RES for the time being.

11. Reserved Business

- 11.1 There were a number of reserved items.

12. Other Issues

- 12.1 Brian Andrews will be asked to install the pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common.

Action: CR

- 12.2 Extensive flooding on School Road has been drained by the digging of a temporary trench connecting the ditch alongside Glebe Farm to English Cottage pond. It was agreed to ask Ben Crisp to install a suitable pipe as a permanent solution. **Action: JB**

13. AGM 2026

- 13.1 The AGM will be held on Monday 16th February at 7 for 7.30 p.m. Board members are requested to be there at 6.30 p.m. Official business will be followed by an Open Discussion followed by a raffle. CR will buy raffle prizes additional to the jars of honey. **Action: CR**

14. Any Other Business

- 14.1 Simon Topham is signed up for the usual tasks of strimming and grass cutting during the coming year.

- 14.2 The County Wildlife signs have been well received.

- 14.3 The LMC was copied a social media post from a wildlife photographer asking if any landowner in the area had a suitable area on which to build a hide. This will not be pursued, it was not thought appropriate for the commons.

15. Date of Next Meeting will be Monday 13th April 2026.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 21.53 hours.

J Bedwell
21st January 2026

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11/07/2026