Minutes of a Meeting of Ilketshall St Andrew and St John Land Management Company Ltd. held at Ilketshall St John's Storage on 11th July 2026 at 10 a.m.

Present: Tim Basey-Fisher (T B-F) (Chairman)
John Bedwell (JB) (Secretary)
Rod Apps (RA)
Chris Roberts (CR)
Jack Poulden (JP)
June Hall (JH)
Carol Bromley (CB)

1. **Welcome and Apologies**

1.1 The Chairman welcomed everybody. CB had been appointed a Commoner's Director at the AGM in February. Apologies had been received from Roo Lee (RL). Subsequently, she had submitted her resignation to T B-F. He will endeavour to get her to change her decision. **Action: T B-F**

2. **Minutes of the Meeting of 12th January 2026**

2.1 The minutes of the meeting of 12th January 2026 were agreed and signed by the Chairman.

3. **Matter Arising not elsewhere covered in the Agenda**

3.1 Item 3.1 T B-F needs to submit an invoice for the cost of the flail purchased last year. **Action: T B-F**
3.2 Item 7.3 Joe Griffin has been contacted by RA and has agreed to carry out a tree survey.
3.3 Item 9.1 JH and CB objected to the 'Core Principles and Code of Conduct' in its current form. They will circulate a revised document for the Board's consideration. **Action: JH, CB**

4. **Finance**

4.1 The current financial position shows total funds of £82,265.
4.2 There is an outstanding payment for the donation to YANA after the Field Trip.
4.3 CB questioned why there was no tendering process for work such as cutting the permissive paths, flailing, strimming access points, maintaining ponds etc. It was explained that there is limited local labour for such tasks. In essence the 4 main contractors: Godfrey, Frost Andrews and Topham had been chosen on the basis of their availability, specific local knowledge and willingness to undertake the work required. CR said if anyone else on the Board was willing to investigate other options they were welcome to do so but it was something he was not prepared to undertake himself.
4.4 It was agreed that RA and CR should become additional signatories for the Santander current account and Adrian Sampson should be deleted as a signatory. **Action: JB, RA, CR**
4.5 JB said that apart from Santander he was the point of contact for a number of other organisations. In the light of his recent illness, he thought it prudent if other directors could take over these responsibilities. He would circulate a list of these organisations together with the frequency of contact. **Action: JB**
4.6 There was a discussion on future funding. JP will keep SFI26 monitored and report back should any further relevant detail emerges regarding common land. CB will investigate whether the LMC should consider becoming a Community Interest Company. **Action: JP, CB**

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

5.1 CB will investigate what filing software could be suitable for the LMC and JH will track down a contact who might be able to help. **Action: CB, JH**
5.2 RA will distribute a draft Newsletter later in the year and will ask for contributions from Board members. CR will continue to produce electronic Newsletters and distribute them to residents through the e-mail list of contacts.

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6. Winter Work 2026/2027

6.1 Encroaching vegetation around the margins of the commons is causing problems for the haymaking contractors. CR will circulate a proposed plan to improve the situation. **Action: CR**
6.2 The problems due to thatch will be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Field Trip 17th June 2026

7.1 The 2026 field trip to Bedingham Hall Farm went well and was followed by a buffet meal at Geldeston Locks. A donation to YANA has been made, as requested.
7.2 CR was thanked for his efforts in making the day a success.

8. Pond Survey 2026

8.1 The pond survey report carried out by Juliet Hawkins on 7th May praised the management of the ponds. Juliet made were a number of recommendations, CR will review these and propose an action plan for the autumn. She flagged the problems associated with flea treatments washed off from dogs that are allowed to jump/swim in ponds. CR has erected a laminated notice by the Great Common pond containing the Slimy-fruited Stonewort warning dog owners of the dangers to wildlife of flea treatments. In addition, an electronic Newsletter had been circulated promoting the findings of the pond report with a request that dogs are not allowed in Great Common pond. **Action: CR**
8.2 Juliet will be invited to give a talk on the village's ponds at some future date.

9. Haymaking 2026

9.1 Cutting of the Commons has been completed but the bale counts have yet to be received. The contractors have asked for the over-wintered area at the western end of Great Common be moved. T B-F will look at the maps to see where a new area could be situated. **Action: T B-F**

10. Correspondence with OPDEnergy

10.1 The Parish Council are against the proposed cable route and has decided that it will not engage in any further dialogue with OPDEnergy. It is unknown how OPDEnergy will progress their project.

11. Consideration of points raised at the Commoner's AGM 2026

11.1 It was agreed that a buoyancy aid be provided at The Mardle to be used in the event of young children getting into difficulties in the water. T B-F will investigate what to buy and to erect it. **Action: T B-F**

12. Reserved Business
12.1 There were a number of reserved items.
13. Other Issues
13.1 The problem of the pedestrian access at Blacksmith's Common has been resolved.
14. Any Other Business

14.1 The possibility of the LMC taking over the management of the pond close to The Old Stores was discussed at the AGM. Roo's John said that he would provide legal advice about this but nothing has been heard from him.

15. Date of Next Meeting

15.1 The date of the next meeting will be Saturday 3rd October 2026 at 10 a.m. at St John's Hall Storage.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 13.10 hours.

J Bedwell
30th July 2026

Signed ..... Date 03/10/2026