

Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association

Founded 1984

Chairman: Mr C Cotton

Secretary Mr R Cooke

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April 2024

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287
*COMMON
RIGHTS*

Held on

*££ 65
££ 161
££ 162
££ 124*

To take:

*Wildfowl
Fish
Seaweed
Samphire
Sand
Shingle
Shellfish
Sea Lavender
Estovers
Herbage
Fangle
Bait
Reeds
Soil
Game*

To graze;

*Cattle
Horses
Ponds*

Dear Right Holder

Notice of Annual General Meeting and Election of Officers to the Association's Executive Committee

The election will take place at the AGM, which is to be held at 7.00pm on 17th May 2024 in Brancaster Staithe Village Hall.

Your Committee at present comprises the following elected members;

<u>Term ends</u>	<u>Brancaster Staithe</u>	<u>Brancaster</u>	<u>the Burnham's</u>
2024	Mark Cooke	Tom Gathercole	Rod Cooke
2025	Peter Bickell	Stephen Bocking	Billy Scoles
2026	Michael Bucher	Chris Cotton	Peter Hambro

Co-opted members are John Short - Linda Beamish - Billy Clayton – Roger Raisbury

Each member serves for 3 years and each year 3 places are offered for election. The Committee is composed of equal numbers of representatives for Brancaster, Brancaster Staithe and the Burnham's. One place to represent each region is offered for election each year. Members of the Committee standing down are eligible for re-election.

Anyone wishing to stand for election or re-election should contact the Secretary for a nomination form and return it, duly completed, without delay. Nominations for election to the Executive Committee must be received in writing at least 7 days before the AGM. These nominations must be supported by a Proposer and a Secunder and the consent of the proposed nominee must first have been obtained. If the nominations exceed the number of vacancies a ballot shall take place. Nominees, Proposers, Seconders and voters must be registered Common Rightholders. Each Rightholder may cast one vote, see note *below.

Rod Cooke

Secretary SH&DCRA

*Only registered Common Rightholders, or those under lease, are eligible to vote at the AGM and other meetings of the Association. Each Registered Common Right entitles the owner, or a single nominated co-owner, of that Right to a single vote on each motion proposed at an AGM. For simplicity one whole Right gains one vote. All Common Rightholders are entitled to attend Committee meetings but only Committee members are entitled to vote. Proposed M Smith, seconded C Cotton that the Association agrees that all the names shown as shared on the original registers must have individual full rights. Motion carried unanimously.

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**The Annual General Meeting will be held at
Brancaster Staithe Village Hall
17th May 2024 at 7.00 p.m.**

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Agenda

CL 65
CL 161
CL 162
CL 124

1. Apologies.

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2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting – draft published on the SH&DCRA website: <https://www.shdcra.com/>

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3. Chairman's/Committee report: Available at the meeting and published on website.

4. Treasurer's Report: Available at meeting.

5. Reeves Reports.

6. Election of Committee Members SH&DCRA.

7. A.O.B.

To graze;

Committee matters: CL124 Pipeline

*Cattle
Horses
Ponies*

8. Date of next meeting: Spring 2025

Note: Please send any questions relating to these papers, or matters concerning the commons and common rights, to the secretary giving seven days clear notice.

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Secretary SH&DCRA

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Notification of Intention to Stand for Election to the Committee of the Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association.

I wish to stand for election/re-election to the Committee of SH&DCRA at the Annual

General Meeting on 17th May 2024.

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

I propose the above named nominee to stand for election/re-election to the Committee of the SH&DCRA.

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

I second the above person's nomination

Name: _____ Signature _____ Date _____

A Nominee may propose him/herself.

Nominees, Proposers and Seconders must be Common Rightholders for the areas of benefit, namely CL65, CL124, CL161 or CL162.

Please return this completed form to the Hon Secretary at the above address at least 7 days before the Annual General Meeting.

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SH&DCRA Chairman and Committee Report 17th May 2024

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The committee have continued to meet on a monthly basis in order to manage Association business. Protecting our common land and common rights from continuing encroachments has been an ongoing cause for the committee. Here are the main issues facing common rightholders at this time:

- Brancaster Beach Road Car Park: The legal action against Brancaster Parish Council continues. Owing to two postponements by the Courts Service of the court hearing, there will be no written report here. However, there will be a verbal report at the AGM.
 - The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club: It has been agreed that a meeting between SH&DCRA and the RWNGC will take place after the legal action mentioned above has concluded. This meeting will include the "unlawful" encroachment on the common for a club overflow car park; a matter that is also on the agenda for SH&DCRA meetings with Natural England.
 - The National Trust: Relations between the NT and SH&DCRA seemed to have reached an all-time low this year when the NT, through the Brancaster Commons Committee, refused to honour long standing agreements concerning payments to SH&DCRA for tolerating NT/BCC activities on the common. Legal advice confirming that past agreements are legally binding contracts was gained by the SH&DCRA Committee. Payments have now been received from the NT. Poor management of the common by the NT has been the cause of some rather heated BCC meetings. The present position is that the BCC meeting in March this year proved to be quite positive and SH&DCRA continue to seek partnership with the NT, and others, for the good management of the common land.
- The Committee have representatives overseeing the NT proposals for a waste/services pipeline from the Beach Road toilet area to the mains services. Opinions of the CL124 CRH will be sought at the AGM.
- Burnham Overy Harbour Trust and Holkham Estate: the situation remains unchanged as both organisations have continued to ignore common rightholders and are carrying on with their unlawful activities on the common. SH&DCRA Committee are moving forward with their attempts to reach a lawful use of the common for all interested parties. Large press and TV coverage of the situation was gained by the SH&DCRA Committee during the year. Unfortunately, neither BOHT or Holkham Estate have responded positively to requests from SH&DCRA to continue with negotiations started some years ago.
 - National Trails: There has been much consultation with National Trails concerning the Brancaster boardwalk section and removal of cattle gates. The historic position put forward by the Committee regarding cattle gates was confirmed by the National Trails team and gates will be retained.

Whilst private individuals and organisations continue to encroach upon the commons and interfere with common rights, it is a continuing task for SH&DCRA to be ever vigilant in protecting the commons and common rights.

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