

Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association

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Minutes for a Committee meeting held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday 23rd March 2022 at Brancaster Staithe Village Hall

6.5.2022

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Hold on

£65
£161
£162
£124

To take:

Wildfowl
Fish
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Samphire
Sand
Shingle
Shellfish
Sea Lavender
Eslovers
Herbage
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Game

To graze:

Cattle
Horses
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Note: Owing to the continuing Covid issues, this meeting was restricted in number to Committee and co-opted members.

1. Those Committee members present: M Bucher, R Cooke, C Cotton, S Bocking, P Bickell, M Cooke, T Gathercole, B Scoles. Apologies; R Raisbury.
2. The minutes of the meeting of Friday 28th January 2022 which had been circulated were agreed with the addition of further explanation of 4d.
3. Updates on matters arising and in hand:
 - a) Community Action Norfolk (CAN). Setting up a Commons Council was discussed and it was agreed that, despite some reservations, a meeting with somebody from Community Action Norfolk be arranged to get more information.
 - b) Natural England had not responded to contact from the secretary concerning the appointment of a local wildfowling warden. Secretary to pursue this again. A full response regarding "Vegetation Management" had been received; no further action on this.
 - c) The CR19 (Revised) forms for the transfer of the common right from Noel Linge to The Trustees of Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders Association were completed, signed and witnessed and passed to the secretary for copying and sending to County Hall. It was agreed that a Trustees bank account be opened in the name of "The Trustees of Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders Association" and a transfer of £50 be made to open the account. MB agreed to do this.
 - d) CL124 and the RWNGC – curtilage car park. Leave on the agenda whilst awaiting Land Registry information.
 - e) Brancaster Parish Council and Beach Road Car Park receipts: An email had been received from the Police Inspector dealing with the matter. This indicated that the Inspector saw it as a civil matter but that he had passed it to the police legal team. The secretary had written to the Inspector explaining that the Committee might find it hard to accept that this was a civil matter. This further response was also sent to the Chief Constable of Norfolk.

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It was agreed to send a letter to the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club explaining that Brancaster Parish Council do not act for the Common Rightholders and that all future matters relating to the common should be addressed to SH&DCRA.

It was agreed to send a similar letter to Brancaster Parish Council explaining that they are not to act on behalf of Common Rightholders on CL124.

- f) Holkham Estate, Burnham Overy Parish Council and BOHT: Nothing to report from the Parish Council. BOHT AGM is to be on Saturday 16th April 2022 at 2.30 p.m. in the Nelson Memorial Hall.

4. Report from the NT/BCC meeting March 8th 2022. Committee members who attended this meeting made a number of comments:

- A member of the public was not allowed entry to the meeting on the threat that the meeting would be called off. Bad start.
- Later a different member of the public was allowed into the meeting.
- BFC Draft minutes were on the Agenda but none had been supplied and have still not been supplied.
- Noted that, apparently, the BFC Draft minutes contain a possible libel.
- NT claims to spend more on the harbour that it gets in in takings. Two questions were raised by CRH's relating to this statement; Why are the NT car park takings not included in the income?; Why is the NT still charging the equivalent of less than thirty pounds for a mooring; allowing people to have multiple moorings; allowing people with multiple moorings to charge up to £500 by sub-letting?

The meeting soon after descended into uproar and closed.

National Trust Draft Proposals for the management of the common at Brancaster. These have still not been provided to SH&DCRA.

5. Treasurer's report: The National Trust licence fees from last year are now in the bank. A cheque was signed for the hire of the village hall.

6. Correspondence not covered by above:

- a. Noted that the room at the NT Centre can be used by the Association free of charge. Licence tracked down by BE and copied to NT. NT have recognised the licence.
- b. Amendment of Register: (i.) Transfer from John and Gloria Smith to Kirsty Calcutt and Emily Bingham. (ii.) Transfer from Michael Bayley to Ian Gent.

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7. Reeves' reports:

Common Land

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Rights

Notes on

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CL 161
CL 162
CL 124

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- a) Dormy Triangle CL162 – update was given.
- b) The owner's common land boundary fence near "The Patch" on CL65 at Overy Staithe – waiting for meeting at County Hall to look at the maps and overlays.
- c) It was noted that the Norfolk Hero event will go ahead again this year – 18.6.22. Sec. to write reminding the organisers that a licence is required. It will be free as at the last event.
- d) The matter of "Spit Rights" was still with the legal department of the Registration Authority.

8. A.O.B. None other than as discussed in above items.

9. Date and time of next meeting. TBA