

Minutes of the Blaxhall Commons and Open Spaces AGM

24 October 2020, 2.00 pm

Held via Zoom. Apologies to all who tried to join but were unable to gain access on account of technical problems.

In attendance: Rosy Thornton, Trustee
Andrew Derrick, Trustee (meeting Chair)
Mark Oakley, Trustee (meeting host)
Karen Baker, Trustee
Eve Rossor, Trustee (minutes)

1. **Apologies.** Rod West (Trustee), Mike Livesey (Trustee), Joyce Iszard, Jill Suckling, Nigel Suckling.
2. **Minutes of the 2019 AGM.** Agreed to be correct.
3. **Matters Arising.** None.
4. **Reappointment of Trustees.** Rosy Thornton and Andrew Derrick were appointed for a further three years.
5. **Annual Report.** This document is available on the website. It covers the period April 2019 to October 2020. Shane Pictor had stood down as a PC nominated Trustee; Karen Baker has replaced him. The Trustees have met on seven occasions to progress the transfer of the donated land opposite Shepherd's Cottage. A Vesting Order has been received, but the Land Registry has yet to complete the registration process. Ray Herring, District Councillor, was thanked for his support via East Suffolk's Enabling Fund. Activities relating to the gifted land were detailed:
 - Year-long wildlife audit
 - Bracken pull by eleven volunteers
 - Quotes for asbestos removal from the pigsties
 - Investigation of possible formation of gate opening to allow occasional vehicular access
 - Work on fundraising.
6. **Potential gift of land at Stone Common.** Trustees agreed that discussions should proceed. Rosy and Andrew were deputised to meet John Pulham, solicitor acting for the Trust, to discuss the implications of acquisition.
7. **Planning application for house on Mill Common.** Representations were made by the Trust. The application had been withdrawn, and there was no further news.
8. **Litter Picks.** A pick took place in October 2019. The April 2020 pick was cancelled due to Covid-19 restrictions. The next pick is in the week of 24 October 2020.

9. **Hon Treasurer's report:** The Hon. Treasurer was unable to attend. The Trust's financial position was discussed. Formal accounts would be compiled for approval at the next meeting of trustees and will then be placed on the website.

10. **AOB.**

- Membership: Agreed this should remain annual, and that we need to organise a standing order mechanism.
- Autumn Newsletter (no. 4): This needs to be updated and then distributed with the membership form. Rodney to be asked to make the alterations.
- Fundraising leaflet: The text and images have been agreed and now need to be laid out as hard copy and in digital form, and included on a 'Just Giving' page.

Date of Next Meeting: Saturday 28 November 2020 at 2.00 pm, by Zoom.