

## **SH&DCRA Working Party Zoom meeting 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021**

- Reinstatement of common land near RWNGC: Sec. reported that no reply to emails asking for a site meeting had been received. Apparently the RWNGC proposes to leave a large gap in the fence that they are going to erect and continue to use the common as a car park. Use of an injunction was discussed but previous enquiries suggested that it would cost too much.

Actions: Sec. to write again to the RWNGC and also send off the Section 38 exemption forms to the Planning Inspectorate.

Note: The records show that Brancaster Parish Council refused permission for the development of this car park on the common.

- Split rights: Norfolk Registration Authority is seeking legal advice concerning a recent request to transfer a part common right. They have intimated that they might be interested in seeking more advice from the Barrister Mr Petchey.

Action: We will wait to see what happens with the present transfer process.

- NT licences etc.: Discussed the present situation.

Actions: Michael will continue to chase up the money owing to the Association.

Chris and Stephen will coordinate the work on licences with Victoria.

Sec. will contact Andrew Dawson (NT) for the map of the leys at Brancaster.

- Natural England: Sec. has had discussions with Stephen Rutherford NE about wildfowling and encroachments on common land. He has now retired and we will start the process again with new people at NE!
- The setting up of a Charitable Incorporated Organisation/Trust is being processed by the Charity Commission but present restrictions are slowing everything down.
- Holkham Estate and Overy: SH&DCRA are still being shunned by Holkham and the BOHT Charity. Holkham Estate are trying to register the creeks that have remained ownerless up to now. The Holkham Estate (unlawful) lease to BOHT runs out at the end of March this year. The law states that ownerless common land comes under the protection of the local council. Overy Parish Council continues to sit on its hands.

Actions: Tom will talk with Peter, Roger and Billy to see what they think the Association should do now. Tom will also investigate another avenue of information gathering.

- Brancaster Parish Council and car park receipts: Noted that an unsatisfactory response to Freedom of Information requests, as highlighted by the solicitor acting for SH&DCRA, had been received. The secretary had written again asking for this to be remedied. If no satisfactory answers are given, it can be reported to the Information Commissioner Office. The Council's auditors have been made aware of the situation concerning tens of thousands of pounds being "donated" to a public body responsible for planning and other matters and are conducting an investigation.

Actions: It was noted that there is a contract between the RWNGC and Brancaster Parish Council, therefore the car park receipts cannot be regarded as a donation. The secretary is to write to Brancaster Parish Council with more Freedom of Information requests for: A copy of the contract between the RWNGC, the National Trust and the Council which outlines the 20%, 20%, 60% sharing of the car park receipts. Also, copies of the minutes of the meetings of the RWNGC, NT, BPC Car Park Committee for the last five years.