

Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association

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SH&DCRA working party meeting

Birdsong, Brancaster Staithe, 6.30 p.m. Friday 25th November 2022

AGENDA

1. Apologies: C Cotton, B Scoles (both attending the gun club meeting) M Cooke. R Raisbury and M Bucher not in attendance.

2. Updates on matters arising and in hand:

a) Trustee's bank account: **No further news at present as Chris is looking into this one.**

b) Brancaster Parish Council and Beach Road Car Park receipts:

Solicitor's letters/letters by "special delivery": **The "Letters before Action" have been sent. No response from the Royal West Norfolk Golf Club at all and no further response from Brancaster Parish Council's insurers BHIB. It was agreed that the secretary would contact BHIB again. It was also agreed that an eye be kept on the Brancaster Parish Council accounts to check if/when car park monies were received from the RWNGC. Court Action via the Small Claims Court will be the next action depending on the BPC insurer's response.**

External Auditors report: **The BPC external auditors will be getting back to SH&DCRA after Christmas.**

Norfolk Police – Court Action: **The complaint against the Norfolk Police for failing to prosecute the crime of fraud against BPC has been accepted by the Police and Crime Commissioners Office for investigation.**

c) Holkham Estate, Burnham Overy Parish Council and BOHT: Information Commissioners Office; BOHT and Burnham Overy Parish Council ref. release of documents requested by SH&DCRA in April 2021. **First Tier Tribunal preparation: At the moment SH&DCRA, being unable to use Zoom, are waiting to find out where the Tribunal will be meeting. It was agreed that Linda, Stephen, Chris and Rod will represent SH&DCRA. Secretary pointed out that it is information that is being looked for; the Tribunal is not about ownership of Overy Marsh, but the withholding of evidence regarding the legality of the Burnham Overy Harbour Trust Charity by the Charity Commission supported by the Information Commissioners Office.**

3. Treasurer's report: **None**

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Vice Chairman Mr S W Bocking

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Wildfowl

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Seaweed

Samphire

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Shingle

Shellfish

Sea Lavender

Estovers

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4. NT Proposals for a new Agreement: **Despite the huge amount of work done by the SH&DCRA Committee and after months of waiting, the NT have ignored all that SH&DCRA have put forward and are basically treating the common rightholders with contempt. A number of actions were discussed, including those relating to the fencing of the grazing marsh at the southern end. It was decided that, as with BPC, a claim might be made through the small claims court and this would force the NT to respond properly. Note here that SH&DCRA are acting as litigants in person.**

Also NT licence payments: **There was an indication from the NT local team that something might be presented to SH&DCRA by the NT after Christmas.**

5. Correspondence not covered by above:

- a. BONWA and Brancaster Gun Club – meeting tonight re. Barrister’s advice: **Secretary reported that he had been contacted by the BONWA secretary outlining the process for the gun clubs to deal with their Barristers advice regarding wildfowling on common land. SH&DCRA secretary was assured that the questions asked of the Barrister and the advice given would be made available to the committee.**

6. Reeves’ reports:

- a. Contact has been made with BOHT: **Nothing more to add.**
b. **The new bridge on the marsh was discussed. Nobody knew who had placed it there.**

7. A.O.B.

- a. Progress with Brian’s retirement presentation: **Linda, Chris and Stephen have this in hand and it should be made before Christmas.**
b. Next General Meeting: **Agreed that this should be late January/early February 2023.**