

Report of the meeting of the Trustees of the Walberswick Common Lands Charity was held on Thursday February 19th 2009.

1. MATTERS ARISING.

- a) Beach huts had been inspected and letters sent to licensees as necessary.
- b) The transfer of the ice cream franchise had been completed.
- c) Branches of the tree near Tows Cabin had been trimmed back.
- d) A new licence for the Sports Field for the Parish Council was being prepared.
- e) Fishing Hut licences were still to be completed.
- f) No notification had been received regarding the planning application for the building in The Drift

2. PROCEDURAL

- a) It was unanimously agreed to ask Miss Priestman to serve as Chairman for a further year. Miss Priestman accepted.
- b) Composition of Sub-committees would remain the same.

3. COMMUNICATION & ADMINISTRATION.

- a) Mr Darkins reported as follows on progress with updating the "scheme"
 1. The Parish Council objected to the proposed change to the composition of Trustees from 4 nominative to 3. The PC felt that efficient use of the skills matrix and good advertising would ensure a good range of necessary skills when nominating new Trustees.
 2. The next step was to consult with the Charity Commission, the PC and the village to complete the final document.
 3. Miss Priestman and Mr Darkins would prepare a flyer to be distributed with the Village News advertising a drop in morning in the village hall annex on April 25th. This would include details of the procedure required to implement the amendments and a brief history of the Trust and its aims.

4. MANAGEMENT OF CHARITY LAND & PROPERTY.

- a) Mr Darkins would prepare the letter to existing wayleave holders regarding their views on maintenance of tracks etc.
- b) Correspondence with Waveney District Council regarding verification of route required to access the moorings, some matter were still to be discussed. It was reported that a Trust was being formed by Southwold Town Council to take over the management of Southwold Harbour from W.D. Council.
- c) Stewardship Agreement.
 1. It was now too late to use contractors on the Common before nesting season, but it was hoped to start some heavy work in August. Volunteers have carried out a lot of footpath clearance. Mr Paul Denny had offered to carry out bird monitoring. D Webb would place monthly reports in the Village News. It was agreed to contribute £250.00 towards the cost of fencing the children's play area.
 2. Mr Darkins reported that nesting season would prevent any work in the Copse but some trees would be marked for felling later.
 3. Mr K Webb had met with the grazier on the Marshes and he would be happy to graze his herd again this year. The grazier would like to provide an escape route for the cattle in the event of sudden flooding. Mr K Webb had drawn up plans for fencing part of the Drift for this purpose. The Trustees agreed to the proposal.
 4. Ms Priestman reported that the ponds on the old reed beds had been cleaned out. The Cliff Field would require spraying for Ragwort, and swiping if required. The orchid