

BURGH & BILLOCKBY POORS TRUST

Meeting held at Billockby Farm on the 20th September 2022

1. Officials present:-

Henry Alston (Chair), Geoff Tibbenham, Leonie Davies, A Greenwood

Presentation By Brown and Co.

Management of Common and associated areas. Ms A Maynard and Ms S Lucas presented their update and future management plan for the area inclusive of Grazing, work by the Broads Authority and Natural England. Further update and overview by Ms Lucas re shooting.

The Following was agreed.

Brown & Co to liaise with SSSI officer re cutting plan.

BA to comment on coverage of fen harvester and confirm cutting strips

Fencing contractor for Staithe

Meeting with Grazier.

2. Apologies for Absence. A Greenwood J Roper.

3. Previous minutes of the 22nd March were approved as a true record and duly signed by the Chair.

4. Accounts

Account Balance 50223174
September 2022 £50,860.
Accord No 10256439 £1,878.28.

4. Shooting Rites

A formal request submitted by Mr Tibbenham to obtain shooting rites for the common. Agreed.

5. Christmas distribution.

A request received from Mrs Lowe. Royden Way. Agreed and added to the existing list.

6. AOB. Mr Tibbenham Fencing deferred to next meeting.

Meeting closed at 4.00 pm

Approved: 

Dated: 24/11/22

Additions.



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Environmental Summary

- Grazing Summary
- Broads Authority Summary
- Natural England Summary
- RPA Summary
- Scheme Summary

1. Grazing Summary

9801 (near broad) – Levi has grazed this pretty extensively, as agreed, to try and reduce the rush cover. This has been reasonably effective, considering it wasn't grazed last year and the rushes were so dense when he started.

8884 (isolated reed) – the cattle have grazed a clear path through the reeds along the edge of the muckfleet, and in places further into the reedbed. This has opened up a path and the gateways into 5967

5967 (gate reed) – as with 8884, the cattle have grazed a clear pathway around the edge of the reedbed, and in some places further in. They have also opened up the gateway to 4477

4477 (easy rough) – grazing going well.

7973 – no comment as yet, this is a very! Reed dominated and isolated parcel. Levi has made great progress this year so hopefully next year we can work on this parcel.

6463 - abandoned

Grazing the remaining dryer areas as we approach the winter. Levi has asked for a derogation to graze later in the year into the new year – I have suggested we wait until November to review this with Natural England as they will not give consent sooner. Although there has been a lot of vegetative growth in the last few weeks due to the rains – so there is an increased likelihood that we will need it to put us in a good position to allow next years growth.

2. Broads Authority Summary

Brash piles between 18/13 and 18/14 will be burned – NE complained about this earlier in the year.

Scrub rouging in 18/13 will be done to open the compartment up.

Yearly cut of a 5th of compartment 18/03 will occur – strips rather than patches

Still in discussions regarding the inclusion of dyke management as part of the annual fee – this has been hampered by my maternity leave.

Fen Harvesting offered at £262.76/day – as yet we haven't

booked any work for the 22/23 winter. If Levi does a good Job grazing, hopefully we wont have to.

Vegetative report of Little Broad to be released hopefully before Christmas

3. Natural England Summary

After some crossed wires, consent stood for fencing SSSI consent.

Staithe Works – SSSI consent needs updating –

- The slubbings from the dyke were to be restricted to a short distance from the higher ground, and then following marsh level to the Broad. The extra slubbings volume was to be used near the higher ground to build up an area for cars to turn and reverse boats into the end of the staithe. My understanding from the conversations at the time of the works was that the initial slubbing work was done along the length that was slubbed to complete that phase in March ahead of the bird breeding season. The digger would then return once the slubbings had dried to pull the material back to the car turning end and restore marsh levels. This second phase of the work has not been completed and the attached plan gives the detail of what this would look like on the ground.
- Tied in with the final levelling work, the fencing and gate will then need to be installed. This was included so that access would be for permit holders only, so that use of the staithe for storing or launching boats can be regulated.
- No canoes or paddleboards are permitted, and when we have visited there have been canoes stored on site. There has been a problem with these craft on the Trinities in the last couple of years, and it may be that some of these have been stored and/or launched from the staithe.
- The trustees were to supply the Trinity warden and Natural England a list of those parishioners that had permits, but this is yet to happen. This was to be tied to those with permits and access keys once the fencing had been completed.



Deer High Seats – Dan Duthie confirmed they are facing into the arable fields and on arable land and as such shouldn't be an issue to the common.

Shooting Licence – NE have requested that we submit a bag count and supplementary feed in 2 designated areas.

Further Fencing – will need to be discussed with Levi and then consented.

Cutting – NE says we can cut the dyke banks, the BA are worried about Water Voles. Any further cutting requests will have to be applied with the BA, SSSI and HLS office.

propose permits are linked to residential dwellings rather than residents.

- Any SSSI consents for fencing will be actioned following a meeting with the grazier later in the year.