

The Thoburn Land Trust.

Minutes of a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust

held on Thursday 19 February 2026 at 9.30pm

in Rolvenden Village Hall

Present: Councillors: A. Hinge (Chair), Cllrs. Back, Balch, Geerts and Gilchrist,

In attendance: Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence:

An apology for absence was received from Cllrs. Walker, Hodge and Bryant and the reasons for absence were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest:

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 16 October 2025 were approved.

4. Finance

a) To receive information on the accounts

The Unity Trust Account balance as at the 19 February 2026 was £6,500.26

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6. Land Registry

The Clerk advised that it could be several months before the parkland, title number K806834, is correctly registered

7. Charity Commission

The Clerk advised that the Charity Commission is now satisfied that THE THOBURN LAND TRUST is a charity and it has been entered onto the Register of Charities with the Registered Charity Number 1216472.

8. Future use of the Land

a) Management plan and capital works programme

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the draft outline management plan and capital works plan from CLM following a site visit on Wednesday 27 August 2025.

b) Fencing Considerations

It was agreed for Cllr. Hinge and the Clerk to arrange to meet with some contractors to discuss the requirements for gates, hedging and fencing and obtain some quotes.

c) Grant Funding Opportunities

Cllr. Hinge suggested that it may be possible to use the remaining S106 monies for outdoor spaces capital and maintenance towards the cost of the fencing and hedges.

The Clerk was asked to check whether this would be possible with the S106 team at ABC. The Clerk was also asked to find out when the application for funding opens for the High Weald Trust Fund. Cllr. Hinge suggested that the War Memorial Trust may also be able to assist with funding.

d) To discuss the next steps

CLM have requested feedback on the management plan and capital works plan and it was agreed for Members to send these to the Clerk.

9. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 20 November 2025

Thursday 19 March after the Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.48pm

Signed:

Date: