

The Thoburn Land Trust.

Minutes of a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust

held on Thursday 18 June at 8.30pm

in Rolvenden Village Hall

Present: Councillors: S. Bryant (Chairman for this meeting), Cllrs. Balch, Geerts, Hodge and Walker.

In attendance: Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence:

An apology for absence was received from Cllr. Hinge and Gilchrist and the reasons for absence were accepted.

2. Declarations of interest:

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 May 2026 were approved.

4. Finance

a) To receive information on the accounts

The Clerk reported that the tenant has paid the annual grazing fee of £500.00. The Unity Trust Account balance as at the 18 June 2026 was £7,272.26

5. Allotments

It was that Cllr. Hinge and the Clerk attended the annual inspection of the allotments on Monday 15 June 2026. A couple of plots are currently vacant and one plot has not been tendered to the required standard. The Clerk has contacted the tenant concerned.

6. Land Registry

The Clerk advised that the Solicitor has checked on the status of the Land Registry application and that it could be several months before the parkland, title number K806834, is correctly registered.

7. Future use of the Land

a) To consider quotes for the proposed capital works plan

It was noted that the Clerk and Cllr. Hinge met with three contractors on Friday 29 May 2026 to quote for all the required fencing, hedges and kissing gates. Members considered the quotes and agreed to accept the quote from Tompsetts, subject to a couple of changes should a grant application be approved.

b) To discuss the next steps in terms of grant funding applications

Antony Weston from CLM has advised the Clerk that they expect that the SFI will be open from June 2026 and that capital grants could be available from July 2026. The Clerk will send Antony Weston a copy of the agreed quote so that he can submit the grant applications when each process opens.

8. Date of the next meeting:

Thursday 16 July 2026 after the Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed:

Date: