

# **The Thoburn Land Trust.**

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust held on Wednesday Thursday 19 June 2025 at 9.30pm in Rolvenden Village Hall**

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

In attendance: Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk.

### **1. Apologies for absence:**

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

### **2. Declarations of interest:**

None.

### **3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9 April 2025 were approved.

### **4. Finance**

a) To receive information on the accounts

The Unity Trust Account balance as at the 19 June 2025 was £11,415.06. It was noted that the allotment rent of £245.00 has been received.

### **5. Land Registry**

The Clerk advised that the signed AS1 forms to register the parkland, title number K806834, has been submitted to the Land Registry. The solicitor, Wellers has confirmed that the Parish Council will not be charged.

### **6. Charity Commission**

It was noted that the Clerk has submitted an application to register the Trust with the Charity Commission. The Charity Commission has advised that it could be 28 days before any response is issued.

### **7. Future use of the Land**

a) To receive an update from CLM

It was noted that CLM have carried out a desk-based Constraints and Opportunities Assessment and visited the site on the 11 June 2025 to confirm habitat classifications and to carry out an assessment of the trees. The Clerk will find out what the next steps are and when the consultation is likely to take place.

- b) To discuss quotes to replace a section of the fencing

Given the above possibility of grant funding for fencing reopening in the summer the Clerk has obtained two quotes to replace the fencing on the southerly section. As the funding has not yet opened it was agreed to defer any decision until the next meeting.

Cllr. Hinge has been in touch with the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership who have suggested that they might be willing to rejuvenate the pond free of charge. A site visit is to be arranged to see if the pond meets the criteria for the scheme. Cllr. Gilchrist suggested that a contact Will Fraser at Habitat Regeneration may also be to help with the restoration of the pond and natural habitats.

**8. Date of the next meeting:**

Thursday 17 July 2025 after the Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.43pm

Signed:

Date: