

The Thoburn Land Trust.

Minutes of a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust held on Wednesday Thursday 21 August 2025 at 9.20pm in Rolvenden Village Hall

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

In attendance: Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk.

1. Apologies for absence:

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

2. Declarations of interest:

None.

3. Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on the 17 July 2025 were approved.

4. Finance

a) To receive information on the accounts

The Unity Trust Account balance as at the 21 August 2025 was £11, 903.06 following the receipt of £500.00 in rent from Simon Tompsett.

5. Land Registry

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

6. Charity Commission

The Clerk has received further correspondence from the Charity Commission on the 1 August advising that due to the high demand for registration services the Land Registry has advised that this could take up to 16 weeks. A Case Officer will then assess whether they need more information to enable them to decide if the Thoburn Trust can be registered as a charity.

7. Future use of the Land

a) To receive a report from CLM

The Clerk had circulated a copy of the report from CLM following a baseline survey which was carried out on the 12 June 2025. The purpose of this survey was to firstly establish which habitats are present on the Site. Environmental constraints and opportunities will then be considered. From this future land management plans together with funding opportunities will be explored. Members agreed to review the report

b) RPA Capital Grant Scheme:

Cllr. Hinge reported that unfortunately the RPA Capital Grant Scheme was oversubscribed with over 8,000 applications submitted in under 5 weeks and has now closed. Cllr. Hinge and the Clerk will be meeting with CLM next week to discuss the results of the survey and to consider other grant funding opportunities.

8. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 18 September 2025

Thursday 18 September 2025 after the Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.45pm

Signed:

Date: