

# **The Thoburn Land Trust.**

## **Minutes of a meeting of the Thoburn Land Trust**

**held on Thursday 16 October 2025 at 9pm**

**in Rolvenden Village Hall**

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

In attendance: Louise Goldsmith, Parish Clerk.

**1. Apologies for absence:**

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

**2. Declarations of interest:**

None.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 21 August 2025 were approved.

**4. Finance**

a) To receive information on the accounts

The Unity Trust Account balance as at the 16 October 2025 was £11, 891.06.

It was agreed to pay the invoice for CLM for works to date of £5,366.80.

**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 requesting a copy of the will from Miss Patricia Ann Thoburn. The Clerk will obtain a copy of the will.

**7. Future use of the Land**

a) To receive a draft outline management plan and capital works plan from CLM

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. It was noted that CLM have suggested that the land is being grazed too hard at the moment particularly in the summer. CLM has also suggested that cattle graze the land as well as sheep. It was suggested and agreed to advise Tompsetts that they can graze the land for another year if they wish to continue. Members agreed in principle to the suggestion of partitioning the land into three distinct uses.

b) 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.

**8. Date of the next meeting: Thursday 20 November 2025**

Thursday 20 November 2025 after the Full Council Meeting.

The meeting closed at 9.29pm

Signed:

Date: