

Westleton Common Advisory Group

Meeting Monday 11th April 2022

Attending: Nick Shearme, Chair (NS), Julian Alexander (JA), Joyce Burtenshaw (JB), David Rous (DR), Andrew Turner

Apologies: John Bebbington (JB), Amanda Freeman, Chris Freeman, Roy Jones

1. Clearance work on the Common:
 - a. The planned work has been completed; the ash on the Noddle will be left until the autumn when it will be removed. Action: NS
 - b. There is still no news as to when/if the Community Payback teams will re-start work. In the meanwhile, the number of Working Parties will be increased (dates to be agreed). Action: DR
2. The lay-by: the spoil around the glass recycling bins will be levelled off. Action: Harry Holmes
3. The Management Plan 2023-2033 was agreed. It will be sent to the Suffolk Wildlife Trust for approval and then to the Parish Council. Action: JB
4. Enlarged copies of Common have been printed and laminated and will be hung in the Village Hall. Action: NS
5. Safety Audit 2022:
 - a. The bench in the SE corner is rotting. Safety tape will be tied to the bench to prevent use prior to it being removed and repaired or replaced. Action JB and NS/JA.
 - b. Holly will be cut back on the path from Mill Street to the Common. Action: NS
6. Tony Ingram: it was agreed to ask Juliet Bullimore to write a tribute to remember Tony and his devotion to, and work on, the Common. Action: NS
7. Mapping the Common boundary: it was recognised that a GPS survey alone might not provide a definitive boundary accepted by all parties and that even if it does, such mapping should not be undertaken in the immediate future. It was agreed that NS would contact a local GPS mapping company to ascertain how it is done and what it achieves (specifically whether the process can provide accurate boundaries based on land registers i.e. without discussion with other boundary owners) and to ascertain cost. Action: NS
8. Date of next meeting: to be determined – probably September