

Scolt Head and District Common Rightholders' Association

Founded 1984

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Annual General Meeting held at Brancaster Staithe Village Hall

26th June 2026 at 7.00 p.m.

SH&DCRA

287
COMMON
RIGHTHOLDERS

Minutes

Held on

CL 65
CL 161
CL 162
CL 124

To take:

Wildfowl
Fish
Seaweed
Samphire
Sand
Shingle
Shellfish
Sea Lavender
Estovers
Herbage
Tangle
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To graze;

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1. Apologies: John Short, Alan Jarrett, Nigel Bottom
2. Minutes of the last Annual General Meeting – draft published on the SH&DCRA website: <https://www.shdcra.com/> were agreed and signed off. No questions.

3. Chairman's/Reeves report:

- a. Historically, the SH&DCRA AGM has been during May/June and the committee has called this AGM to fall back into line after Covid disruptions. The committee have continued to meet on a monthly basis in order to manage Association business. Protecting the commons from encroachment is an ongoing concern but all in all it has been a more positive year.
- b. The Royal West Norfolk Golf Club: SH&DCRA representatives continue to meet with representatives of the RWNGC concerning compensation for tolerating loss of grazing over CL124. These meetings have seen an initial offer from the RWNGC, which has been considered by the SH&DCRA Committee. Further discussions are ongoing but the final decision will rest with the CL124 common rightholders who will be asked to attend a Special Meeting in due course.

Noted: these negotiations are quite delicate and continue in July 2026. The SH&DCRA committee has been exploring a legal form of wording that corresponds with the historic situation and provides for future arrangements.

- c. The National Trust: Relations between the NT and SH&DCRA continue to move forward with Peter Nicholson the new NT General Manager. Licences/agreements, for tolerating activities on the common, with the BCC/NT are in place until February 2027. SH&DCRA and the NT are to hold regular management meetings.

Noted: After SH&DCRA committee interventions through the Brancaster Commons Committee, the mooring fees for Brancaster have become more aligned with market rates.

- d. Burnham Overy Harbour Trust and Holkham Estate: as last year, the situation remains unchanged as both organisations have continued to ignore common rightholders and are carrying on with their unlawful activities

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on the common. SH&DCRA Committee are moving forward with their attempts to reach a lawful use of the common for all interested parties,

which includes the Norfolk Superhero event. The Land Registry, Norfolk Police and Members of Parliament are involved.

Noted: there was a good deal of discussion concerning the way in which Burnham Overy Parish Council have allowed Holkham Estate to take ownership of public land including the creeks in front of the boathouse.

- e. National Trails: SH&DCRA have been consulted by National Trails concerning upgrades to Overy bank and have agreed their proposals whilst seeking to ensure non/minimum interference with common rights.

- f. Carbon capture and reed management: Carbon capture issues are part of a very slow process with the next update being in 2027. Bringing the reeds back into management has been much more productive through the Norfolk Reed Cutters Association. A major section has been cleared ready for cutting next year.

Noted: there was some discussion concerning the management of the beds but agreed that this was in good hands through the Norfolk Reed Cutters Association.

- g. As last year, the committee has received a generous donation during the year and committee members continue to try to maximise income, including investigating crowd funding for projects.

Noted: Following the end of the AGM a further large donation was made to the Association.

- h. It's important to remember that, whilst committee members give time and their costs of travel for free, there are other costs for such as legal advice, insurance and printing that need to be covered. Common rightholders in the past made donations to SH&DCRA at the AGM; it would help if this tradition could be resumed this year.

Cheques can be sent to the sec. at the above address or payments can be made direct to the Association bank account:

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Sort Code: 53 – 61 – 15

Account number: 66825393

4. Treasurer's Report: The treasurer gave an oral report on the state of the finances which are now beginning to improve considerably.

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5. Reeves Reports: Combined above.

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6. Election of Committee Members SH&DCRA: Three nomination forms for the retiring committee members had been received. The Chairman declared that these three people continue to serve for the next three years: John Short, Chris Cotton, Linda Beamish.

- Alan Jarrett was co-opted again for the coming year.

7. A.O.B. There had been some good discussions throughout the meeting with a very knowledgeable common rightholder present.

8. Date of next meeting: May/June 2027

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