

# BLAXHALL COMMONS and OPEN SPACES CHARITABLE TRUST

Minutes of the Trustees' meeting 11 October 2025

5pm at 1-2 Stone Cottages, Stone Common

*Attendance:* Andrew Derrick, Trustee and chair  
Karen Baker, PC nominated Trustee  
Toby Bushill, Trustee and Hon Treasurer  
Eve Rossor, Trustee and Hon Secretary  
Rosy Thornton, Trustee  
Sue Bushill  
Darcey Proctor

*Apologies:* Mark Oakley, PC nominated Trustee  
Michelle Flowers, Trustee  
Joy Shaw, Blaxhall Tree Warden  
Miranda Barclay, PCC

## 1. *Minutes of the previous meeting, 23 August 2025*

These were agreed as correct and will be placed on the website.

## 2. *Matters arising*

Eve to check on the fallen tree at Jasper's Pightle and follow up if needed.

The litter pick equipment will be available from October 25th at Vine Cottage.

Fundraising yet to be actioned.

## 3. *Finance*

Toby reported that finances were steady. The bracken cutting bill for Jasper's Pightle had been paid. Sources of income were discussed, including the next tranche of Sizewell C funding. However, these demand DEI and safeguarding policies and employer liability insurance. It was noted that a member of the Sizewell environmental mitigation service lives in Blaxhall.

**Action:** Eve to talk to the Sizewell staff member. Eve to chase up on the grant application to Tim Wilson. Rosy to draft safeguarding and DEI policies if needed.

## 4. *Stone Common update*

Allotment licence renewal forms had been sent out with covering letters. No donations have been received so far. There had been a request for additional land for horse grazing. As there are at least two people on the waiting list for allotments, and fencing in of horses precluded public access, it was agreed that no further grazing would be considered until

such time as the existing grazing licence was not renewed (licence subsequently renewed).

A work party was held on 21 September. Darcey, Michelle, Paul and Rosy had cut more wire away. Toby had cleared bracken along the Christmas tree side of the land. The next work party on 19 October will focus on wire removal and bracken clearing.

**Action:** Eve to contact Joy about the possibility of Kerrs cutting the bracken.

As last year's bonfire had been such a success it was agreed to hold another. Saturday November 8th at 6.30 pm was agreed. Trudy will be contacted about sausages, Rosy has more sparklers, and Michelle will be contacted about providing mulled cider.

#### 5. *Jasper's Pightle update*

Two work parties had taken place, and bracken raked. There is much less bracken than previously. Rosy will put photos on the website showing the reduction over five years. Re the Adder Hibernaculum, no further communication had been received from SWT.

The next work party is on November 2nd, with the aim of raking the remaining bracken and clearing bracken from the hedging.

AOB: None

Date of next meeting: 13 December 2025, 4pm at 2 Ship Cottages