

Salthouse Heath Committee Meeting 19th September 2026

Members attending

Clifford Large

Neil Featherstone

Charles Elsdon

Ben Wells

Sarah Dawson (representing Salthouse PC)

Caroline Gomer (secretary)

Apologies from

Mark Holman

Andrew Gray

Nigel Eaves

Will Myers

Management Update

1. Rectory Farm, Cuckoo Corner. Letter from Parish Council not sent as yet.
AP. SD to chase this up and copy to Heath Committee.
 2. Definitive (Ancient Map) Boundary of Heath to be uploaded to Salthouse website.
Discussion on registration of ownership ensued - if it is still registered as Charity Commission land this needs to be updated. It is no longer of Charitable Status but there may be Charitable Bonds pertaining to the Heath which could provide management funding.
AP. NF to send map to Jane Phelps to upload on website.
CG to make enquiry with Land Registry regarding title
CE to investigate Charitable Bonds, obtain past bank statements and copy to SD
 - 3 Bund work to restrict vehicle access is planned to be completed before the Christmas break together with firebreak clearance and removal of gorse to allow access to fire hydrant at Lowes Farm.
AP. BW and MH to arrange machinery hire
CE to arrange overnight storage of machinery with AG
 4. Winter work programme
CE is happy to continue secure storage of AgChem on his property which will be used as selective treatment for bracken and gorse in March
- Dog bins - CE to complete forms with Norfolk County Council to arrange collection, the bins will be installed once this is in place.

Re-wilding - CE reported that he has made several attempts to discuss re-wilding of the Heath using Exmoor Ponies. This is a long term plan involving fencing, cattle grids and arrangements for pony welfare. There is no doubt that it would be beneficial to the Heath but is not likely to begin soon. On previous exploration the stumbling block has been the Highways Authority and the specification required for cattle-grids across the heath roads

Silver Birch management - trees at Cley Corner and the crossroads have been affected by this summer's drought and are becoming a danger to traffic; some coppicing and felling required. A work party is planned to meet at 9am on 18th October at Cley Corner to mark trees that need attention followed by further tree work on 8th November and December 6th.

AP. NF to liaise with local arborist

CG to look into availability of First Aid at Work courses with Red Cross and St John's

Barriers- The access gate to be installed across the Warren is with AG. Barriers are also to be erected at each end of the pathways. A high barrier (2.1m) is to be erected at the Radar carpark, set back from the roadside to allow vehicle turning.

Marl Pit - soil traps and clay lining need to be installed before refilling with water, another task whilst the digger machinery is on hire if possible.

Next Public Meeting(AGM) this had been scheduled for 26th September but, due to conflicting commitments, has been rearranged for 6pm 17th October at Salthouse Village Hall