

Kennel Field Trust
Annual General Meeting
At Thornton Rust Institute 23rd October 2025

Apologies - received from C. Day, R. Loukota, A. Carter, R Crome-Hawke

1 - Present - 12 attendees including 6 trustees

2 - Minutes of the previous AGM were read and accepted. Proposed by Lynda Denny and seconded by Rob Newall.

3 – Matters Arising: none

4 - Chairman's Report

John Dinsdale explained it had been a much quieter year and that last year's work had settled down well with cattle using the new drinking place. He thanked Richard Loukota for putting stepping stones across the boggy section of track and also strimming the path to the information board.

Following Lynda Denny's resignation John thanked her for her exceptional work. He explained that Lynda had become a trustee in 2019 and immediately taken on the treasurer's job at a particularly difficult time. The trust's main source of income from the Countryside Stewardship scheme had not been renewed, and the Yorkshire Wildlife Trust, which had covered the insurance for over twenty years, no longer felt it could do so. The trust was financially unviable and in danger of losing the Kennel Field. Lynda not only founded the 100 Club, which brought in an income, but also sourced affordable insurance.

The meeting was delighted that Lynda was able to attend and accept a bouquet of flowers in appreciation of her efforts.

John assured her that work would continue next year with plans were in place to deal with the land in front of the barn.

5 - Secretary's Report

Deborah Millward said trustees had met twice in the year but mostly worked using emails. The autumn grazing this year would have to be with sheep and unfortunately this meant dogs would have to be on leads. Signs had gone up to advise walkers.

6 - Treasurer's Report

Rob Newall reported a balance of £1,940, which was in line with agreed policy even after major expenditure last year. Income came from the 100 Club, our coffee morning, grants and donations. The main expense was insurance. The full accounts were available to the meeting and a copy was held in the Minute Book.

100 Club Report

There were 46 active members. Again a full report was available and a copy in the minute book. Out goings other than prize money was the annual £20 licence.

This quarter's winners were 1st K.Raven, 2nd J.Hall, 3rd J. Clement

7 - Election of Trustees.

In line with the constitution Pip Pointon and Penny Noake stood down and were unanimously re-elected.

Janet Thomson proposed and John Dinsdale seconded Barry Willis as a new trustee.

8 – Any other business

The hand gate needs attention and the culvert cover near the Mash House needs replacing.

9 - Meeting closed 11.30am