

FILBY LANDS & CONSERVATION TRUST AGM 17.

Annual General Meeting of the Filby Lands & Conservation Trust held on Friday 27 June 2025 at 6.30pm in All Saints Church, Filby.

Present – Ken Saul, Joan Saul. Eilish Rothney, Derek Nicker and Bernard Chase (Trustees) and c45 members of the local communities.

1. Welcome was given by the Chairman.

2. Apologies for Absence – Adrian Thompson, Irene Woodrow (Treasurer)

3. Minutes of the previous AGM on 26 June 2024 were read by the Secretary, proposed as a correct account of the meeting by Derek Nicker, seconded by Eilish Rothney and unanimously agreed. The Chairman then signed the Minutes as a correct account of the meeting.

4. Matters Arising

Bernard thanked all involved in Filby Gardening Club and FL&CT joint organisation of a talk about “Hedgehogs”. It worked so well that a joint Bat Evening will take place Jan/Feb. 2026.

5. Report from Chairman

It has been another busy and successful year. We continued to work under the auspices of the Trinity Broads Project. Our own local volunteer group continues to meet on alternate Friday mornings and we have an average attendance of 10-12 people each meeting. Several public events were organised which we either ran or helped with, (see attached Chairman’s Report 2025)

6. Treasurer’s Report

The report was read by the Secretary

The report covers Income and Expenditure from 1 April 2024 to 31 March 2025.

Funds carried forwards as surplus cash in the Bank £5334,44p

This was audited, checked and approved by Mrs. G. Tooke on 13 June 2025

7. Approval of Accounts

The FL&CT Accounts were proposed for adoption by Ken Saul, seconded by Derek Nicker, and unanimously agreed.

8. Project Manager’s Report

A grant application has been made to F.I.P.L to cover the cost of 5 signage boards which are being produced for FL&CT sites around the village. It will also cover the cost of Walks Leaflets

Future Events & Projects

Weekend July 19-20 Filby Open Gardens

To include walks around Filby Poors Common with views of Filby Broad.

11 October 2025 Apples Orchards & Rural Crafts Day 11-5pm Wassail at 4pm.

Boxing Day Walk – this was revived last year and was a great success. Ken has agreed to do the walk again this Boxing Day 2025 and the Church will again allow FL&CT to finish the walk in the Church, for welcome refreshments provided by the Volunteers.

9. Illustrated Talk

The talk this year was given by Matt Wickens from Norfolk Wildlife Trust, about the Trust's newest reserve, Sweet Briar Marshes near Norwich, a relic of the wet meadows that once ran the entire length of the River Wensum,

10. A.O.B

There was no other business

Russell & Pam Weston were thanked for supervising the Recycled Book Stall and for helping generally in setting up the meeting. Jeff & Jane were thanked for organising the Tombola. Sue Smith was thanked for providing a plant stall to raise funds, The Stringer Family were thanked for selling Filby Orchard Apple Juice. The Chairman thanked all the Church members, for making the Church, once again, a welcoming meeting place and ensuring that everything ran smoothly.

The Meeting closed at 7.40pm.

11. Walk to site