

Minutes of the Northam Burrows Management Committee Meeting held on 22nd January 2026.

Present: Cllr Edwards, Hames (Deputy Chair), Cllr Leather and Cllr Tait (Chair)

In attendance: G Langton, Town Clerk; Miss T Tucker, Community Engagement Officer; M Day, Burrows Ranger. Melinda Stacey, grazier and landowner of FollyFoot Stables

1. To receive and approve apologies for absence

Cllrs Bach and Whittaker all apologised.

2. Chair's announcements

There were none

3. To agree the agenda as published.

The published agenda was **agreed** with the amendment to consider works on the Burrows immediately after the confirmation of the minutes.

Proposed: Cllr Hames, seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

4. To receive any dispensations and disclosable pecuniary or other interests

Members were reminded that all interests must be declared prior to the item being discussed.

5. To confirm as a correct record and sign the minutes of Northam Burrows Charity Management Meeting held on 23rd October 2025

Proposed: Cllr Leather, seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour)

6. To consider works on the Burrows.

- **Improving access to FollyFoot stables from the Burrows to move the horses away from the road access point at Sandymere.**

The ranger gave a brief description of what the project entails.

The works will provide a track through Follyfoot's land, through the boundary and onto the Burrows, to reduce problems caused by horses gathering at the main gate of Sandymere entrance. We constantly receive complaints from the public that they cannot access Northam Burrow by car or by foot with large numbers of horses gathering at the main gate on the hard standing surface. This has now become a health and safety issue with a report of a car becoming damaged.

It was **agreed** that a map needs to be provided for the committee members to view, arrange a site visit and add it to a future agenda.

Action Point: Circulate the map, arrange a site visit and put on a future agenda.

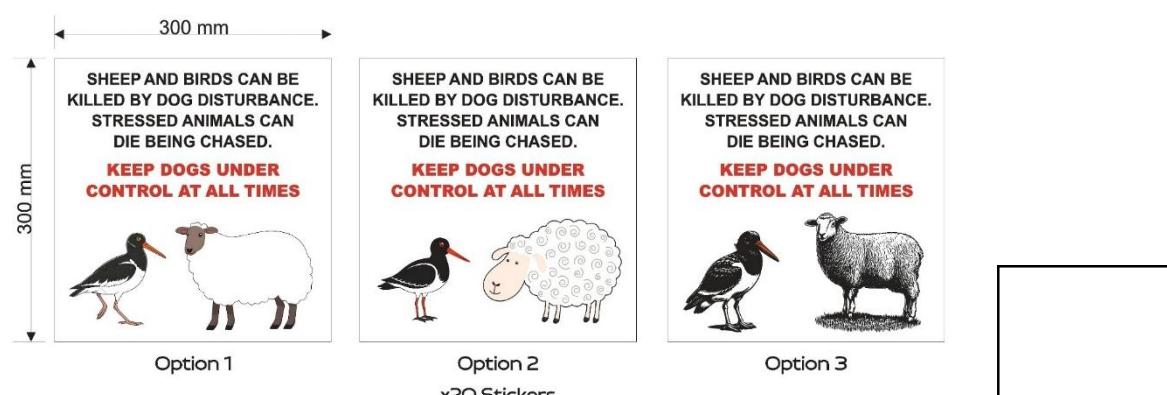
- **Installation of a new footbridge to improve crossings of the stream.**

The ranger gave a brief description of the project and explained that Torridge District Council will cover 50% of the cost.

It was **noted** that the committee would like to be provided with a map and have a site visit.

Action Point: Circulate the map, arrange a site visit and put on a future agenda.

- Dog control signage (options below)



The ranger has received many complaints with sheep and bird worrying. To help prevent the problem 20 stickers will be printed and stuck on every bin on Northam Burrows. The total cost of the stickers is £250 which Torridge District Council will pay 50% of the cost. It was **agreed** to go ahead with a contribution of 50% of the above cost for Option 1 of the stickers but to amend the layout by putting the red text above the black, and that stickers could also be placed on the huts and gates.

Proposed: Cllr Hames, seconded: Cllr Leather (all in favour)

7. To receive an update on action points

These were noted.

Action	October 2025
1 To consider the progress being made by the consultant	The report's recommendations were presented to a meeting of the Burrows Forum on 17 th November 2025. COMPLETE
2 Dung beetle workshop	Burrows ranger to arrange the workshop, dates awaited. ONGOING
3 Take out insurance policy	Policy taken out on 11 th November 2025. COMPLETE

8. To review the Grazing terms and conditions

It was **agreed** to accept the terms and conditions.

Proposed: Cllr Edwards, seconded: Cllr Edwards (all in favour)

9. To receive the 2024-25 annual accounts

It was **agreed** to accept the accounts.

Proposed: Cllr Leather, seconded: Cllr Hames (all in favour)

10. To note additional homes within the ancient Manor

It was noted that most of the development to the south of Bay View Road, all developments in Appledore and the lower part of Westward Ho! were within the Ancient Manor and, as such would be eligible for a Manor Pass.

11. To note any business for future agendas

No matters were raised.

The meeting closed at 11:20am

Signed..... Date.....

Chair's initials

