

Shelfanger Parish Council Meeting
Thursday 12th March 2026
Boyland Common Report

As the Parish Council can no longer hold funds from separate groups in the Parish Council bank account, the £531.62 collected as donations for Boyland Common in 2012 has now been handed over to Mrs. Helen Green, acting treasurer of the 'Friends of Boyland Common' volunteer group. The handing over was signed by Parish Clerk Mrs Elaine Tinsley, the Parish Council Chairman, Mrs Marion Paines, Mrs. Pamela Ross, Chairman of the informal group of volunteers known as 'The Friends of Boyland Common', and Mrs Helen Green, acting Treasurer of the Friends of Boyland Common.

The investigation as to why three trees were felled on the land opposite the Old Bungalow on Common Road, (just to the South of Boyland Common), without any notice or application to the Parish Council has been ongoing.

Jen Celerier, the Shelfanger Tree Warden, and Mr Jamie Henry the Community Assets Management Officer for South Norfolk and Broadland District Council, have been working together to discover who was responsible.

In this normally quiet area, several activities were suddenly taking place in the same location and at the same time.

Firstly the ownership of the Old Bungalow changed hands, so the new owner started work on clearing his plot.

Secondly, Norfolk County Highways, as a result of their roadside survey on 3.7.25, had recommended the felling of three trees on the roadside land opposite the Old Bungalow, they planned to plant replacement trees in the local area. The time-frame for this work was around 15.1 26.

The Shelfanger Parish Council was not informed of this survey, or the planned action as a result of the survey.

Norfolk County Highways were under the misapprehension that the land opposite the Old Bungalow was part of a larger parcel of land to the North, and mistakenly they sent a letter to the owner of that land.

Mr Jamie Henry has been liaising with the Norfolk County Highways Department with the aim of clarifying the ownership of that land.

Our Shelfanger Tree Warden Jen Celerier has been liaising with Mr. Jamie Henry throughout.

All maps to do with this area, are now in the Shelfanger Parish Council Map folder for future reference. The use and management of Registered Common land is strictly regulated, and the maps show that Boyland Common extends as roadside land down towards Shelfanger Village centre.

However, Norfolk County Highways have rules and regulations pertaining to verges and roadside land, their duty being to prioritise the safety of road users.

Signed

Pam Ross, Chairman of 'Friends of Boyland Common' volunteer group