

# From a court Book for Redgrave and Botesdale 1728-1733 in Ipswich Record Office

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*Item we do hereby agree & order that the Constables aforesaid for the year ensueing shall cause the Fenn ditches particularly those above the Fenn called the further Fenn & the Swimming river to be scoured well bottom feighed before the 24<sup>th</sup> day of June next & that there shall be dreynes cutt thro the middle of the said Fenn & other places where dreynes have been used to be cutt to lay the said Fenn dry & the Constables shall for the doing thereof collect & gather of all persons who have right of commonage upon the said Fenn the Sume of one shilling for every Comonage which shall be collected upon the first day of Aprill next and the persons neglecting or refusing to pay the same shall loose & forfeit their right of Comonage for the yeare ensueing. And we do further agree that what moneys the said Constables shall lay out about scouring the repairing & bottom feighing the said Rivers & ditches they shall take receipts for of the severall workmen which receipts shall be inspected & allowed at the Towne meeting after Middsumer day next and if the said Constables by the said Collection shall have received more money than shall be sufficient for doing the said work then such moneys shall remaine in the Constables hands & be paid by them over to the Constables for the yeare next ensueing to be by them applied towards the uses aforesaid But if the money so collected fall short, to be made up by further Collection. And we further agree & order that if any Comonages shall remaine in the Constables hands then the Constables may putt the money wherewith he purchased them into his rate and the Constables in case they don't dispose of & apply the monyes so above mencioned to be collected by them to the uses before mencioned to forfeit Forty shillings a peice.*

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