

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 16th July 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr N Moon, Mr P Doble, Mrs H Stallard, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 1 members of the public (Mrs J Moon) Apologies Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> 2.1 Mr S Clist declared he has a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT). DWT provide advice on the management of the commons. 2.2 Mr N Moon declared he has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate which uses Hemyock & Shuttleton Commons.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The Commons Management Group minutes of the 18th June 2015 meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon SECONDED: Mr P Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>5. <u>Hemyock, Shuttleton, Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries/Commons</u> Devon Biodiversity Records Office will survey Hemyock and Shuttleton Commons in August. The Clerk will contact two local contractors who have mulching toppers to get quotes for the work to be completed at Shuttleton. An adjoining landowner to Shuttleton has informed the council that he has trimmed his hedge and will clear up any debris at the end of the summer. Blackdown Hills Natural Futures project will survey Owleycombe Common in September.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Community orchard/environmental/allotment area</u> Councillors have met at the potential site and the initial thoughts are positive. The clerk has contacted the owner who has some issues to be resolved with regard to registering the land before things can progress further. The owner has given an indication of the asking price. This will need to be discussed at next full council meeting. It was agreed that the next step is to put together a business plan so that funding opportunities can be sought. Mrs H Stallard will gather information on price per acre for the creation of community orchards. Clerk will contact MDDC and DCC funding officers for advice. Mr N Punnett will be asked to provide advice reference Viridor's grant funding scheme The chair asked that the group considers joining the national allotment society. It was agreed that this was a good idea but not until land had been bought and a business plan established. PROPOSAL: The CMG does not join the allotment society at £55 per annum at the present time. PROPOSED: Mr P Doble SECONDED: Mr N Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	<p>HS Clerk NP</p>
<p>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 7.1 The Chair raised the issue of an annual budget for the CMG. £1000 has been budgeted for the last two years and he would like this to continue. Devon Wildlife Trust has provided enormous help and support to the group and may require a donation in the future. PROPOSAL: The CMG recommends to full council that £1000 per year is budgeted for use by CMG. PROPOSED: Mr P Doble</p>	

<p>SECONDED: Mr N Moon DECISION: passed (all in favour). 7.2 The chair thanked those that had helped to pull the Himalayan balsam in the village.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1000 per annum is requested by the Commons Management Group for on-going management works. • Full council to consider the proposed community orchard site, the landowner's asking price and decide on next steps. 	
<p>11. <u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on 20th August 2015 at Longmead</p>	

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....*Date*.....