

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group
held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 17th July 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr I McCulloch, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), 3 members of the public (Mr Allen, Mr Moon and Mrs Moon) <u>Apologies</u> Mr S Major</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/dispensations</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The Commons Management Group minutes of the 29th May are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr McCulloch DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising</u> 4.1 Dogs on Leads – Mr Clist will erect sign at Shuttleton shortly.</p>	SC
<p>5. <u>Hemyock Common</u> 5.1 Gun Club/Parish Council Agreement – A partner at the council’s legal advisers has given an estimate of the costs to look over the document. They have offered two options – a) they estimate that it would take approximately a week and the costs should be around £300 - £400 plus VAT or b) the council can pay a fixed fee of £550 plus VAT. PROPOSAL: The Commons Management Group recommend to full council option b) fixed fee of £550 plus VAT. PROPOSED: Mr Edwards SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour) 5.2 Following the latest on site meeting with Ed Hopkinson the following observations /recommendations were made:- Ed was pleased with the progress and condition at Hemyock. The main grass area to be left as late as possible for it to seed before being cut. Some islands to be created and left uncut in this main area to allow heathers and other species to develop over a number of years. The wavier the edges to these islands, the better. The bracken to the sides and back to be cut as per previous years. Ed will drop off bruising roller for the CMG to use to bruise bracken further back to compare and contrast with the topped bracken. Longer term, some scrub clearance of the birch to be considered.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 6.1 Following the latest on site meeting with Ed Hopkinson the following observations /recommendations were made:- Ed was pleased to see so much heather regrowing. The bracken edge to be topped with a mulching topper as per last year. A fire break of ideally 5 metres width to be created under the power lines and across the middle of the common to create separate areas which can be swailed safely. Ed will re-visit to trace the Fixed Point Photography (FPP) and take another set of photos. Birch clearance could be considered in places to create pathways for butterflies, birds and dragonflies.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> none</p>	
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> Mr Povah enquired about the straw bunding that the gun club had asked to erect. The gun club have not yet constructed any straw bunding and are liaising with MDDC.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Public Participation</u></p>	

none	
10. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Formal agreement between gun club and Parish Council – recommend to full council to approve fixed fee option from solicitor. • Andrew Tucker to be instructed to top Shuttleton. 	
11. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 18 th September 2014 at Longmead.	

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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