

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 19th March 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr L Povah, Mr I McCulloch, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 3 members of the public <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 25th February 2015 meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>5. <u>Hemyock Common</u> Mr Clist has visited the common recently and spotted a deer.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> Ed Hopkinson, Devon Wildlife Trust, will return to Shuttleton to treat stumps to prevent any regrowth.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Hemyock Community Orchard and Environmental Area</u> Mr Clist has been researching the possibility of a community orchard. This project is still in its infancy, further research is needed and funding opportunities will have to be explored. Jill Lloyd from Bridport Community Orchard Project has kindly agreed to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 26th March in the Parish Hall to share her experience of such a project.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 8.1 The Chair asked the Clerk to contact Andrew Tucker and provide him with a map detailing the fire breaks he needs to create this year when using his mulching topper. Chair to provide detailed map. 8.2 Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) lease of Ashculme & Lickham turbaries. The Clerk to contact DWT and ask for a new, user-friendly draft lease. Clerk to ask DWT what future plans it has for the turbaries and suggest it attends the Commons Management Group's meetings, perhaps quarterly, to provide an update. Add Ashculme and Lickham onto agenda for regular updates.</p>	SC
<p>9. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> Mr Povah asked for clarification reference a parishioner's email concerning noise on Hemyock Common. The parishioner was informed that if he had an issue with noise then he needs to report it to Mid Devon District Council directly. The Chair commented that he assumed a solicitor would alert a potential purchaser of a property that a gun club operated on adjoining land. It was agreed that it was not for this group to debate the matter. The Clerk will add the correspondence to main council meeting on 1st April for consideration.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Public Participation</u> With reference to item 9 above, a parishioner reported that his solicitor did not make him aware that a gun club operated on Hemyock Common at the time he purchased his property. The parishioner went on to say that a recent purchase of a neighbouring property did not reveal the existence of the gun club.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Devon Wildlife Trust – existing lease expires November 2015 • Community Orchard – update • Andrew Tucker – will be provided with a map detailing fire breaks. 	
<p>12. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 23rd April 2015 at Longmead.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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