

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 20th October 2016

Subject	Action
1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr P Doble, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk).	
2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> 2.1 Mr S Clist declared a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT). DWT provides advice on the management of the commons. 2.2 Mr S Clist declared a personal interest as he is a member of Devon Countryside Access Forum 2.3 Mr N Moon declared a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot syndicate which uses the commons.	
3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 11 th August are approved. PROPOSED: Mr L Povah SECONDED: Mr S Clist DECISION: passed (all in favour).	
4. <u>Matters arising</u> 4.1 Website – the clerk circulated a draft page for the village website which includes a brief history of the commons written by Miss P Lawrence. No feedback was received. She will add page to website. 4.2 Commons Tour was held on Sunday 14 th August. It was suggested this should become an annual event, reviewing all of the commons, including Owleycombe.	Clerk
5. <u>Hemyock Common</u> 5.1 The new sign for Hemyock Turbary was discussed. Following advice and guidance from Mr A Doble the group considered the design again. The group asked that Mr A Doble produce a further design including a fern and pheasant, for consideration at the next full meeting of the council. 5.2 Mr N Moon may have an oak tree that has been cut down and which could be used to make a bench at Hemyock Turbary. Mr N Moon to report back. 5.3 Gun club – clerk to contact gun club to discuss management plan for next year.	PD NM Clerk
6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 6.1 Another cut of the bracken is required during October. Contractor to be contacted. 6.2 The grazing of cattle was discussed. Mr N Moon has strong reservations about grazing areas of this common. He believes that this common should be left relatively undisturbed, in order to preserve the wildlife. If the land is grazed it will remove the cover for the ground nesting birds, in particular skylarks. 6.3 It was suggested that future plans for this common could include a walkway around the edge (nature trail), installation of bird boxes, planting of several small oak trees.	SC
7. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> Nothing to report.	
8. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> Nothing to report.	
9. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> 9.1 Mr S Clist asked that if any community land was offered as part of any new development in the village that the CMG be considered to oversee any such parcel of land.	
10. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> 10.1 Mr L Povah asked that Owleycombe is visited next year.	
11. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.	
12. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Management programme for gun club on Hemyock Turbary for next year is discussed and agreed • A new design of sign, including a pheasant and fern, to be considered. • Community land to be overseen by the CMG 	
13. <u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on Thursday 19 th January 2016 at Longmead	

Meeting closed at 9.05pm

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