

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group
held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 20th February 2014

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr S Major (Vice Chair), 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 J Edwards</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 23rd January are approved. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes</u> 4.1 Dorset Gun Club – The Clerk has contacted this gun club and it is happy to liaise with the CMG, if necessary. Clerk to find out if they lease the land and if so ask for a copy of the lease. Clerk to locate Lickham/Ashculme leases for reference. 4.2 Natural England – Clerk confirmed that there was no guidance from Natural England ref dogs on leads whilst riding horses. Whilst horse riding is not an activity included in the Crow Act 2000, Natural England states ‘Horse riders continue to have the legal right to ride along public bridleways that cross access land, but have no general right of access to areas of open country or registered common land – though nothing prevents them from continuing to use the land they have used in the past. Landowners can choose to permit additional activities such as horse riding on an informal basis, or can choose to dedicate their land for additional access rights if they want the rights to be allowed permanently.’</p>	
<p>5. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> Ed Hopkinson has offered to help with a small area of swaling and coppicing and has suggested a provisional date of Saturday 15th March. Clerk to approach Ed ref risk assessment and requirements for chain sawing etc. Clerk to check insurance cover. The group thanks Ed for all his help and support with the Commons.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Hemyock Common</u> The Gun Club was asked to keep a record of the hours spent on the Common managing the land and provide the information to the Clerk on a regular basis. Natural England has issued new notices confirming open access restrictions for this year.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Clerk asked to bring along a map of all the Commons to future meetings.</p>	Clerk
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> none</p>	
<p>9. <u>Public Participation</u> none</p>	
<p>10. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shuttleton Common - small area of swaling and coppicing planned for March </p>	
<p>11. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 20th March 2014 at Longmead</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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