

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group**  
**held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2013**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>            Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr I McCulloch (from item 7), Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), and 4 members of the public  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Mr L Povah, Mr S Major  <i>The meeting was inquorate and therefore no business was transacted. The Chair went through the agenda to inform those present of latest news, for information purposes only.</i></p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/dispensations</u></b>            None declared.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>            Carried forward to next meeting.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></b>            4.1 Lease agreements - Clerk to carry forward.            4.2 Dogs on Leads – Mr Major to carry forward.            4.3 Contamination/Pollution concerns – Mr Major to carry forward.            4.4 Hemyock Turbary/Common – Land can be a turbary as well as a common. Hemyock Common is registered as a common with Devon County Council. No one is sure when it became known as Hemyock Common rather than Hemyock Turbary. No further action necessary.            4.5 Commons Rights – Devon County Council has confirmed that commons rights go with the property and are transferrable. They do not expire on the death of the individual.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Edric Hopkinson’s Visit</u></b>            Edric Hopkinson (DWT) updated the meeting on the work he is involved with at Ashculme and Lickham. Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT) has a lease from Hemyock Parish Council to manage the commons on the council’s behalf. DWT has received approval from the Secretary of State to fence both commons and a local grazier has 2 Exmoor ponies on each site. DWT works closely with Natural England and both sites have been assessed as being in ‘favourable recovery’. It was suggested that members of the CMG should visit both sites.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>George Greenshields’ Visit</u></b>            George Greenshields’ report will be looked at together with Lynne Kenderline’s report and their recommendations will be considered together. A contractor has been contacted for a quote to top Shuttleton Common with a mulching topper. This will be considered along with the full reports.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Devon Wildlife Trust’s Visit to Hemyock &amp; Shuttleton Common</u></b>            Lynne Kenderline &amp; Edric Hopkinson visited both commons and Lynne Kenderline’s report should be received shortly.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b>            None</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Items raised by Councillors &amp; Others</u></b>            None</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Public Participation</u></b>            10.1 The agenda for the meeting could not be found on the website.  <i>Agendas for meetings are on the noticeboards in the village but the Clerk will ensure the website is updated in future.</i></p>	

10.2 Mr Allen volunteered to top Shuttleton Common, if required. The Chair expressed thanks to Mr Allen for the time and effort he puts into maintaining Hemyock Common and thanked him for his offer.	
10.3 Linda Bennett (AONB) raised the issue of the Himalayan Balsam which is seen around the river in Hemyock and wondered if the community might get together to remove it. Other parishes have had success working together. This will be raised at the next council meeting.	
11. <b><u>Summary of Recommendations</u></b> None	
12. <b><u>Next Meeting</u></b> will be Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm Longmead	

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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