

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 21st April 2016

Subject	Action
<p>1. Present Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr P Doble, Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and one member of the public Apologies Mr N Moon (ill)</p>	
<p>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 P Doble declared a personal interest as he owns land adjoining Shuttleton Common.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 18th February meeting are approved. PROPOSED: Ms J Pritchard SECONDED: Mr P Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising</u> 4.1 Volunteering Day – was a success. The volunteers worked hard to clear an area of birch and Ed Hopkinson, Devon Wildlife Trust, will return to clear the stumps. 4.2 Website – clerk to carry this work forward. 4.3 Ed Hopkinson explained why he would not recommend the use of slurry to kill bracken on the commons. The clerk has requested some old pictures of the commons for the Annual Parish Meeting. 4.4 Devon Wildlife Trust – lease agreement for Ashculme & Lickham – Matt Boydell, Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT), has confirmed that its legal advisers will look at drafting a new lease in April/May. DWT is currently busy with many other large projects.</p>	
<p>5. <u>Hemyock Common & Shuttleton Common</u> 5.1 The group would like to install benches at Hemyock & Shuttleton Common. Mrs H Stallard will ask if anyone would like to donate a bench for either common at the Annual Parish Meeting. The clerk will add to agenda for next council meeting and council may approach Councillor Ray Radford reference his locality budget or look for other funding options. 5.2 The group considered the quotation from a contractor and recommends to council this is accepted. PROPOSAL: The council instructs a contractor to top Shuttleton Common, increasing the width of the fire breaks, and to top a new area, as advised by DWT. PROPOSED: Mr P Doble SECONDED: Mr L Povah DECISION: passed, all agreed. 5.3 The possibility of a pedestrian gate within the vehicular gate at Shuttleton was discussed. Mr L Povah will speak with Devon County Council to establish which company it uses for its gates and then obtain a quote and report back.</p>	<p>HS Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>LP</p>
<p>6. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> Nothing to report from DWT.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> AONB will visit the site to survey it later this year, when the weather is suitable. It was suggested that the group could visit all of the commons in the parish during the drier summer months. Clerk will organise a date.</p>	clerk
<p>8. <u>Hemyock Community Orchard & Environmental Area</u> Investigations into ownership of a potential site have proved fruitless. It was suggested that the council might advertise in the next Newsletter for a plot of 2-3 acres for community orchard/allotment use.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> The election of the CMG chair to be added to agenda of the June meeting.</p>	clerk
<p>10. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> 10.1 It was suggested that name signs might be installed at the entrance to each common. Information boards might also be installed within the commons.</p>	

10.2 Clerk was asked to provide a map of the commons for the Annual Parish Meeting.	clerk
11. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.	
12. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Name signs for commons • Benches for Shuttleton & Hemyock Common • Shuttleton Common – accept contractor quotation 	
13. <u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on Thursday at 23 rd June at Longmead	

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed*Date*.....