

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 22nd June 2017

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr P Doble, Mr N Moon and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Apologies: Mr L Povah (received & approved) Ms J Pritchard was thanked for her input during her membership of the group last year.</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 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.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Election of Chair</u> PROPOSAL: This item to be carried forward to next meeting. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Election of Vice-Chair</u> PROPOSAL: This item to be carried forward to next meeting. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>5. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 23rd March are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>6. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u> 6.1 Name Sign – Anthony Doble, designer, has submitted amended designs as requested. Recommend to full council that the design and quotation is accepted. 6.2 Bench – Mr Moon will liaise with Mr Clist and they will install this later in the year. 6.3 Name correction – the clerk has asked DCC to correct the name on the Commons Register and has been told that it cannot be changed. She is liaising with Natural England to correct the name on the Open Access maps.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 7.1 Clerk to send bluebell pictures to Devon Biodiversity Records Centre. 7.2 Mr Moon was disappointed to note that following the burning on the common skylarks no longer nest there. He is concerned that clearing too much of the site drives wildlife away. He is keen to plant native trees and erect bird boxes. PROPOSAL: A contractor is instructed to top the common to cut the firebreaks and areas of bracken. A volunteering day is organised for September to clear away an area for planting trees. Native trees are purchased and planted in November. Mr Moon will produce a planting scheme. The costs of the trees and guards to be no more than £500. PROPOSED: Mr Moon SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Full council</p>
<p>8. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Community Land</u> Nothing to report.</p>	

10. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> The chair reported he was disappointed not to have made contact with Ed Hopkinson.	
11. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> Nothing to report.	
12. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.	
13. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u> The CMG recommends to full council that:- <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the new design of the Hemyock Turbary name sign in the blue colour recommended by the designer is accepted.• Shuttleton Common is topped (fire breaks and areas of bracken)• Volunteering days are arranged for September & November• Native trees are purchased to a maximum of £500 and planted in November as per planting scheme provided by Mr Moon.	
14. <u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on Thursday 28 th September 2017 at Longmead	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

Signed*Date*.....