

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 23rd March 2017

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr P Doble, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Ed Hopkinson (Devon Wildlife Trust) and 1 member of the public. Apologies: Ms J Pritchard (received & approved)</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>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 19th January are approved. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon SECONDED: Mr P Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Update from Ed Hopkinson, Devon Wildlife Trust</u> Ashculme – Ed Hopkinson is pleased with the progress made on this site. The site is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and as such is managed under an agreement between DWT and Natural England. The site has been grazed by 2 Exmoor ponies. Heather is regenerating and sundew (oblong leafed) can be found at the site. Other works for the future include scrub clearance and bracken management. Ed will liaise with Stuart Howell reference withy growing up through bridleway. Lickham – this site has been rested from grazing in the last year. Heathers are coming back and butterwort can be found. Ashculme & Lickham Lease – after a discussion about the lease it was suggested that:- PROPOSAL: The CMG recommends that the council enters into a 21-year lease with DWT, with break clauses at 5,10 and 15 years, and that DWT obtains prior approval from the council for each 5-year management plan and annually updates the council on progress. PROPOSED: Mr N Moon SECONDED: Mr L Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	EH
<p>5. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u> 5.1 Sign – Carry forward to next meeting. 5.2 Bench – Mr N Moon & Mr S Clist will install this later in the year. 5.3 Name correction – the clerk was asked to establish how the council corrects the name from Hemyock Common to Hemyock Turbary. Clerk to speak to Natural England. 5.4 Planting of trees to be added to next agenda.</p>	Clerk
<p>6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 6.1 Ed Hopkinson shared his concerns reference planting of trees at Shuttleton, explaining that it is an open heathland etc. The group explained its proposals were to plant several native trees around the eastern edge of the site and clear birch to make way for these trees. Ed was less concerned with these proposals. Ed showed the group aerial photographs of the site 70 years ago. 6.2 The volunteering date pencilled in for Sunday 26th March will be rearranged for later in the year, possibly September. Ed to provide clerk with suitable dates.</p>	EH
<p>7. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> See 4 above.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Community Land</u> The Waddeton Park application will go to Planning Committee for decision on 29th March 2017.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></p>	

Nothing to report.		
11.	<u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u>	
11.1	Mr L Povah asked that the group have access to large scale maps of each of the commons to assist future management proposals etc. Mr L Povah will approach DCC footpaths officer for assistance.	LP
12.	<u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.	
13.	<u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u>	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The CMG recommends that the council enters into a 21-year lease, with break clauses at 5, 10 and 15 years, and that DWT obtains prior approval from the council for each 5-year management plan and annually updates the council on progress. • Shuttleton Volunteering Day to be rearranged for late September 	
14.	<u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on Thursday 22 nd June 2017 at Longmead	

Meeting closed at 9.35pm

Signed *Date*.....