

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group Meeting**  
**held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2017**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr P Doble, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b>  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><b>3. <u>Election of Chair</u></b> A discussion took place concerning the role and responsibilities of the chair and the importance of cascading information down to the whole group.</p> <p>Mr Clist was nominated by Mr Doble, seconded by Mr Moon. Mr Povah was nominated by Mr Doble but declined the nomination. Mr Moon was nominated by Mr Doble but declined the nomination. There being no other nominations, Mr Clist was elected as Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Election of Vice-Chair</u></b> Mr Povah was nominated by Mr Doble, seconded by Mr Clist. There being no other nominations, Mr Povah was elected as Vice-Chairman.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The minutes of the 28<sup>th</sup> September are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Doble  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u></b> 6.1 Name Sign – the clerk reported that the ‘bike stolen’ sign fixed to the new name sign had been removed and it is believed that no damage was caused.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Shuttleton Common</u></b>  7.1 Volunteering Day on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> November at 10am. The aim will be to clear a pathway around the edge of the common.  7.2 Planting Scheme – there has been a misunderstanding with regard to where the trees were going to be planted. As instructed, the clerk has applied to the Woodland Trust for a pack of 30 saplings and will know if she has been successful by the end November. It was agreed that Mr Moon will attend a plant auction later in the month to purchase some trees.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> Mr Moon may purchase up to 50 trees (maximum £250). He will have discretion to purchase stakes and guards at the same time if he believes they are competitively priced (to an overall maximum spend, including trees, of £500). Mr Moon will create a planting scheme following the purchase.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Clist  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Doble  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	NM
<p><b>8. <u>Lickham &amp; Ashculme Turbaries</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Owleycombe Common</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Community Land</u></b> Clerk to provide the chair with contact details for the Allotment Society. Chair is pulling together costings for orchard, allotments, dog walking area, etc. on the plot of community land in readiness for adding to list of possible 106 projects with MDDC, should the Waddeton Park development proceed.</p>	Clerk

<p><b>11. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u></b> Mr Povah suggested the group increases its membership. Clerk to add to agenda for full council. Should Miss Lawrence wish to join then the group would be prepared to change its meeting day. Mr Doble suggested the fencing off of the football pitches could be a potential 106 project if the community land does not go ahead.</p>	Clerk
<p><b>13. <u>Public Participation</u></b> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>14. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></b> The CMG recommends to full council that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An additional committee member is sought.</li> <li>• Purchase of specimen trees for Shuttleton Common.</li> <li>• Volunteering Day – update.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. <u>Next Meeting</u></b> February 2018 – to be confirmed</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.55pm

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