

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group**  
**held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2014**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>            Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr I McCulloch, Mr J Edwards, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), 9 Members of the public (Mr Venn, Mrs Venn, Mr Hawker, Mr Head, Mr Beaver, Mr Allen, Mr Moon, Mrs Moon. Mr Henville)  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Mr S Major (Vice Chair),</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/dispensations</u></b>            None declared.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The Commons Management Group minutes of the 21<sup>st</sup> November are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Povah  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Edwards  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></b>            4.1 Dorset Gun Club – The Clerk has approached the Gun Club and is awaiting a response.            4.2 Natural England – Clerk to chase Richard Thomas for any news following the course he attended in December.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p><b>5. <u>Shuttleton Common</u></b>            The Chair updated the group following the site visit with Ed Hopkinson of Devon Wildlife Trust (DWT). It was acknowledged that Ed provided a useful insight into how best manage the land and the group, having asked for expert advice, now needs to act upon it. The group agreed that it would plan to do a small amount of coppicing and swaling under Ed's supervision. It would then review the outcome of the work before considering any further action. Other suggestions made included:- use birch cuttings to create further wildlife habitats, Chair to contact Scout group for involvement, Clerk to liaise with Ed reference possible swaling/coppicing dates. Mr Moon and other shoot members kindly offered to help with the coppicing.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Hemyock Common</u></b>            6.1 <u>Letter from parishioner.</u> The Chair responded directly to the parishioner and confirmed that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the council will not prohibit the firing of guns and dropping of clays on the common.</li> <li>• The Gun Club do not pay rent to the council</li> <li>• the council do not intend to determine the amount of any potential pollution on the common, as per technical advice received. Individuals who believe they may have a problem with their water supply should arrange for their own tests to be carried out, in the first instance.</li> </ul> <p>6.2 The group wished to record its thanks to Mr David Allen and team for their continued work at Hemyock Common. The Chair noted that there was no rubbish on site and that ditches had been cleared on a recent visit.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b>            A visit to Ashculme/Lickham may be useful in the future.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></b>            None.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Public Participation</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• It was noted that some dogs are not on leads when accompanying a horse rider. Clerk to</li> </ul>	Clerk

<p>look to Natural England for advice.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Although no nesting birds have been found on Hemyock Common is this due to dogs not being kept of leads in the past?</li> </ul>	
<p><b>10. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Approach Ed Hopkinson to book a date for supervising a small area to swale.</li> <li>• Approach Ed Hopkinson to book a date for supervising an area to coppice.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. <u>Next Meeting</u></b> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2014 at Longmead</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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