

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group
held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 23rd May 2013

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| <p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr S Major (Vice-Chair), Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), and 6 members of the public <u>Apologies</u> Mr I McCulloch.</p> | |
| <p>2. <u>Declaration of Interest/dispensations</u> None declared.</p> | |
| <p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 18th April are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Major SECONDED: Mr Edwards DECISION: passed</p> | |
| <p>4. <u>Matters arising from previous minutes not on current agenda</u></p> <p>4.1 Information from Organisations – Clerk has made contact with Lynne Kenderdine, County Wildlife Site Officer, Devon Wildlife Trust. She would be happy to help/advise the group and has suggested a site visit sometime in July/August. Clerk to arrange.</p> <p>4.2 Local resident was unable to provide Clerk with any information. Mr Nick Moon has just had his annual water test check. He will provide Clerk with a copy of the results showing the dairy farm water is clear.</p> <p>4.3 Volunteering – Clerk to contact Julia Stuckey, MDDC, to arrange insurance and co-ordinate rubbish collection after any clean-up day.</p> <p>4.4 Annual Parish Meeting – Two new volunteers added their names to the volunteer list.</p> <p>4.5 Lease Agreements – Clerk did not find any standard lease on-line. Clerk to check with DALC for any Commons information, speak to council legal advisers and make contact with a local resident, Mr Gavin Brake, who is believed to be knowledgeable on Commons Management.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Mr Moon</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>5. <u>Natural England</u> No further action at this time.</p> | |
| <p>6. <u>Culm Vale Gun Club</u> Mr Dave Allen updated the meeting and answered questions the group had put to the club. In summary, he confirmed the clay shots are biodegradable and the cartridges are fibre wad. The cartridges are disposed of in a skip on site. The gas bottle for the cooker is taken away and is not stored on site. The toilet was discharging into a ditch and is now discharging into a bucket. Clerk to get advice on legal requirements ref toilet and perhaps investigate other options (composting, porta-loo). Mr Allen confirmed the gun club were happy to remove toilet if necessary. The CMG will look into the viability of a tidy up of clays (whole or otherwise) and spent cartridges after each shoot. The CMG will need to investigate further the issues of pollution/contamination.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>CMG</p> <p>CMG</p> |
| <p>7. <u>Terms & Conditions</u> Although not in a position to formalise the terms and conditions for users of the commons, it was suggested that the period of any licence agreement should be at least 2 years. Clerk to investigate provision of dog bins and signs at Hemyock Common.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> |
| <p>8. <u>Working Parties</u> At the next meeting a date will be agreed for a clear-up of Shuttleton Common. Mr Nick Moon kindly offered use of his quad bike and trailer to help remove rubbish from Common to pick-up</p> | |

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| <p>9. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Chair is keen for a meeting to take place with Gavin Brake to gain information. See 4.5 above.</p> | |
| <p>10. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u> None.</p> | |
| <p>11. <u>Public Participation</u> It was reported that after visiting Shuttleton Common a year or so ago, Helen Barnett, Beef & Butterflies, agreed that Shuttleton Common should be left as it is i.e no grazing. The meeting agreed that, other than a removal of rubbish (discarded metal), Shuttleton Common should be left undisturbed.</p> <p>Clerk to obtain copy of Devon Wildlife Trust's report ref Lickham Common.</p> <p>The issue of lead shot being a hazardous material was raised. One member of the public confirmed that ground that had previously been used as a site for the shoot had been farmed successfully with no pollution issues. Another member of the public will be getting their water tested and the CMG look forward to receiving a copy of the results.</p> <p>The issue of insurance for the structures on Hemyock Common was raised. Clerk to check with council's insurance company. Mr Dave Allen from the Gun Club to check with his insurers and provide copy of insurance policy to CMG.</p> | <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk/Mr Allen</p> |
| <p>12. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Book visit with Lynne Kenderdine, Devon Wildlife Trust. • Make contact with Gavin Brake to see if he can advise the group. • Obtain more information, possibly from DALC, legal advisers. • Look into viability of tidy-up of shots and cartridges after shoot. • Investigate further the use of toilet, dog bins, signs, pollution/contamination issues. • Agree and book volunteering day at Shuttleton • Confirm insurance cover. | |
| <p>13. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be 20th June at 7.30pm Longmead</p> | |

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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