

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held in the Parish Hall, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 25th February 2015

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr L Povah, Mr I McCulloch, Mrs H Stallard, Mr Brooke, Mr Calcraft, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 8 members of the public <u>Apologies</u> Mr S Major</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The Commons Management Group minutes of the 20th November 2014 and 22nd January 2015 meetings are approved. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour). Mr Edwards abstained from voting.</p>	
<p>4. <u>Matters arising</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>5. <u>Hemyock Common</u> Mr Clist met with the gun club to learn of the work they have been doing reference traps and shooting bays on the common. Mr Clist has liaised with Ed Hopkinson (Devon Wildlife Trust) and Ed has kindly agreed to document an action plan for the works needed on the common over the next 12 months.</p> <p>5.1 Draft Agreement with the gun club reference shooting rights on Hemyock Common – A final draft has been received from the council’s legal advisers. Mr Povah asked that the requirement to use only biodegradable clays was added to the agreement. The Clerk explained that at a previous Commons Management Group meeting, Mr Allen, from the gun club, had confirmed that the clay shots already in use were biodegradable.</p> <p>PROPOSAL: Subject to the amendment that biodegradable clay shots must be used, the agreement is recommended to full council for adoption. PROPOSED: Mr McCulloch SECONDED: Mr Edwards DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> The volunteering day on Sunday 22nd February was a wet affair! Mr Clist thanked Mr McCulloch, Mr Barton, Mrs Evans and children for their hard work on the day. Special thanks were made to Ed Hopkinson and his team of volunteers who had visited the common beforehand and cut down many of the larger silver birch. Thanks, too, for Ed’s fantastic leadership on the day. A large area of silver birch was cleared and Mr McCulloch believed he spotted a skylark! Ed will issue an action plan for Shuttleton Common in the next few months.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Hemyock Community Orchard and Environmental Area</u> Mr Clist has been researching the possibility of a community orchard. At the moment this is still in its infancy and more research and funding opportunities need to be explored. Jill Lloyd from Bridport Community Orchard Project has kindly agreed to come along to the Annual Parish Meeting on Thursday 26th March in the Parish Hall and tell all about their successful project.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Nothing to report</p>	

<p>9. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> Nothing to report</p>	
<p>10. <u>Public Participation</u> Members of the gun club confirmed they are happy and willing to work with Ed Hopkinson and will do what they can to action the management plan.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Action Plan for both commons to come from Devon Wildlife Trust • Formal agreement between council and gun club recommended for adoption • Community Orchard – update 	
<p>12. <u>Next Meeting</u> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 19th March 2015 at Longmead.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.00pm

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