

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group Meeting**  
**held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2015**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Action</b>
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>            Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr N Moon, Mr P Doble, Mr L Povah, Ms J Pritchard, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), Mr M Boydell (DWT), Mr E Hopkinson (DWT) and 1 member of the public (Mrs J Moon)</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b>            2.1 Mr S Clist declared he has 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 N Moon declared he has a personal interest as he is a member of the rough shoot syndicate which uses Hemyock &amp; Shuttleton Commons.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The minutes of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2015 meeting are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr N Moon  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr P Doble  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Matters arising</u></b>            4.1 Owleycombe Common - clerk will chase for an update from the Natural Futures Project following its visit.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Hemyock Common &amp; Shuttleton Common</u></b>            Ed Hopkinson summarised the recent reports from Devon Bio-Diversity Records Centre (DBRC) following its survey of Hemyock &amp; Shuttleton Commons. The management of the commons has been recognised and an ongoing management plan has been suggested. Both commons have moved from 'red status' to 'amber status', indicating that there has been some management on both sites. The group look forward to more volunteering days on both commons.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Lickham &amp; Ashculme Turbaries</u></b>            Matt Boydell, Land Manager, Devon Wildlife Trust, explained the trust wants to continue leasing Ashculme &amp; Lickham Commons. Matt will put forward a new lease/farm business tenancy for the council to consider. The new agreement will have more up to date information/legislation that was not relevant 21 years ago when the previous lease was drawn up. Ed Hopkinson explained the DWT has a rolling 5 year plan for the commons and he will keep the group updated on progress during the duration of the next lease.</p>	
<p><b>7. <u>Hemyock Community Orchard &amp; Environmental Area</u></b>            The clerk has spoken to the owner of the land. He has explained that his solicitor is dealing with the ownership query and this may take a while. No further action until ownership has been resolved.</p>	
<p><b>8. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b>            The chair thanked Matt &amp; Ed for attending the meeting.</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Items raised by Councillors</u></b>            Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Public Participation</u></b>            Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• DWT will send through a new agreement for the council to approve.</li> <li>• DBRC has issued new reports for Hemyock &amp; Shuttleton Commons following its surveys of the commons. The sites have moved out of 'red status' to 'amber status' recognising the start of a management programme.</li> <li>• Webpage ready for 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016</li> <li>• Volunteering days will be arranged for March next year.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>12. <u>Next Meeting</u> 7.30pm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2016 at Longmead</b></p>	

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

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