

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 27th September 2018

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr P Doble, Mr L Povah, Mr Calcraft, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public. <u>Apologies</u> Mr Barton and Mr Moon (received and approved)</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> None declared.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 28th June 2018 are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Povah SECONDED: Mr Doble DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u> 4.1 Following a site visit Mr Doble reported that the turbary is looking better than the last inspection. The site would benefit from one more top this year and include the addition of a mowed path back at the entrance creating a circular walk for users. Clerk asked Mr Allen of the Culm Vale Gun Club to complete. 4.2 Mr Pike has liaised with Mr Moon and will be installing three new benches shortly. Mr Pike will be asked to look at condition of other benches at the turbary and add to his maintenance schedule.</p>	Clerk Clerk
<p>5. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 5.1 Following a site visit it was agreed that the common needs to be topped as soon as possible. It was suggested that rather than obtain a quote, a contractor should be instructed at an agreed hourly rate to mulch top the common. PROPOSAL: contractor to be instructed to top the common at an hourly rate (£35 per hour approx.) PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour). 5.2 Some of the recently planted trees did not survive the dry summer. Mr Doble to liaise with Mr Moon to arrange for these trees to be replaced in the next few weeks. An additional 20 stakes and guards will need to be purchased. PROPOSAL: dead trees to be replaced and 20 stakes and guards purchased. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Povah DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	PD
<p>6. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>7. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> Nothing to report. Mr Povah is still keen to visit the site and see what may be done to improve access, possibly within the P3 grant scheme.</p>	LP
<p>8. <u>Community Land</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>9. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Mr Doble proposed that the next meeting should be held in April 2019. All members to visit the commons in March to prepare for the meeting.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> 10.1 Mr Povah suggested that in the next edition of the council newsletter a feature on all of the commons might be included.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Public Participation</u></p>	

Nothing to report.

12. Summary of Recommendations/Information

The CMG recommends to full council that:-

- Shuttleton common is topped by a contractor quoting an hourly rate.
- Mr Allen asked to top Hemyock Common this year and create a mowed path to entrance.
- Mr Pike asked to add all benches on to his maintenance schedule.
- Dead trees to be replaced at Shuttleton Common and 20 stakes and guards purchased.

13. Next Meeting April 2019 tbc

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

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