

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group Meeting**  
**held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

Subject	Action
<b>1. <u>Present</u></b> Mr P Doble, Mr N Moon, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) and 1 member of the public.	
<b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u></b> 2.1 Mr N Moon declared a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot syndicate which uses the commons.	
<b>3. <u>Election of Chair</u></b> Mr Doble was nominated by Mr Povah, seconded by Mr Moon. There being no other nominations, Mr Doble was elected as Chairman.	
<b>4. <u>Election of Vice-Chair</u></b> Mr Povah was nominated by Mr Doble, seconded by Mr Moon. There being no other nominations, Mr Povah was elected as Vice-Chairman.	
<b>5. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b> <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The minutes of the 23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2017 are approved. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Povah <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).	
<b>6. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u></b> 6.1 The clerk updated the group following the visit by several councillors to the turbary and a meeting on site with the firearms officer. Councillors were happy with the condition of the common and the locations of the shoot stands. The firearms officer is content with existing arrangements. The gun club has agreed to ensure that the shoot at stand 4 only shoots from right to left (shooting away from Scotland Farm). MDDC are investigating recent noise nuisance allegations and will keep the parish council informed. 6.2 <b>PROPOSAL:</b> three of the benches (from pc stock) are erected by Mr Pike on the turbary at various locations to be agreed with Mr Povah & the gun club. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Doble <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour). 6.3 <b>PROPOSAL:</b> £100 to be paid to the gun club at the end of the season towards the costs of maintaining the turbary. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Doble <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).	
<b>7. <u>Shuttleton Common</u></b> 7.1 <b>PROPOSAL:</b> three quotations to be sought for topping of the common twice this year, once now and once more at the end of the season. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Moon <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Doble <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour). 7.2 The issue of grazing the common was discussed. Whilst this may be Devon Wildlife Trust's preferred approach, the group has concerns about open access, fencing, water, etc. It was felt that at this time this should not be pursued.	
<b>8. <u>Lickham &amp; Ashculme Turbaries</u></b> Nothing to report.	
<b>9. <u>Owleycombe Common</u></b> Mr Povah is keen to visit the site and see what may be done to improve access, possibly within the P3 grant scheme.	LP
<b>10. <u>Community Land</u></b> 10.1 <b>PROPOSAL:</b> the clerk to write to the developer of the site adjacent to the cemetery for an update, with a copy sent to MDDC. <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Povah	

<p><b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Moon  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p><b>11. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b>  Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>12. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u></b>  12.1 Following the topping at Shuttleton Common wild orchids can be seen.  12.2 Mr Moon suggested wild daffodils could be planted at Shuttleton Common.  12.3 The group is keen to erect some bird boxes on some of the commons. Perhaps the parish could be asked to make some? To be discussed further.  12.4 Mr Povah asked that details of all the commons be included on the village information noticeboard with a brief description of each.  12.5 The group agreed that only having 3 members is restrictive. An additional councillor is needed.</p>	
<p><b>13. <u>Public Participation</u></b>  Nothing to report.</p>	
<p><b>14. <u>Summary of Recommendations/Information</u></b>  The CMG recommends to full council that:-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 3 benches from pc stock are erected at Hemyock Turbary</li> <li>• £100 to be paid to the gun club at the end of each season towards the costs of maintaining the turbary.</li> <li>• Quotations are sought for topping Shuttleton twice this year.</li> <li>• A letter is sent to the developer of the site adjacent to the cemetery to ask for an update, with a copy of letter sent to MDDC.</li> <li>• Maps of the commons and a brief description are included on the village information noticeboards.</li> <li>• An additional member is appointed to the group.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>15. <u>Next Meeting</u></b> 7.30pm Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> August 2018</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.45pm

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