

**Hemyock Parish Council**  
**Commons Management Group**  
**held at Longmead at 7.30pm on 29<sup>th</sup> May 2014**

Subject	Action
<p><b>1. <u>Present</u></b>            Mr S Clist (Chair), Mr J Edwards, Mr I McCulloch, Mr L Povah, Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk), 5 members of the public (Mr Allen, Mr Moon, Mrs Moon, Mr Venn and Mrs Venn)  <b><u>Apologies</u></b> Mr S Major</p>	
<p><b>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/dispensations</u></b> None declared.</p>	
<p><b>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></b>  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The Commons Management Group minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> April are approved.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr McCulloch  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Povah  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	
<p><b>4. <u>Matters arising</u></b>            4.1 Blackdown Hills Rough Grazing Association – Mr McCulloch and Mr Clist attended the inaugural meeting where its constitution was agreed. The Association is a local, independent group which exists to promote the sharing of experience and support in the management of this type of land, to benefit both farming and wildlife. Mr Clist and Mr McCulloch felt that it was better suited to individual rather than group membership at this stage.</p>	
<p><b>5. <u>Hemyock Common</u></b>            5.1 The group was issued with a draft agreement intended to formalise matters between the gun club and the council.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The CMG puts the agreement to full council for approval.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr McCulloch  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr Edwards  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)            Mr Clist thanked the Clerk and Mr McCulloch for the work involved in pulling together the draft agreement.</p>	
<p><b>6. <u>Shuttleton Common</u></b>            6.1 Mr Clist has made contact with Andrew Tucker, contractor, and will meet him in July to discuss the mulching topper work/creation of fire breaks and will report back.            6.2 ‘Dogs on Leads’ sign has not yet been erected. Mr Moon informed the meeting of a hind being badly injured by a dog. The hind subsequently died and her fawn is now being bottle fed at home. Clerk to mention in PR the importance of keeping dogs on leads.</p>	SC Clerk
<p><b>7. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u></b>            7.1 Environment Agency (EA) – the Chair confirmed he has liaised with the EA over a contamination complaint which has now been resolved.            7.2 Noise Abatement Notice – Some of the CMG met with Environment Protection Officers and gun club representatives at Hemyock Common following the recent issue of an Abatement Notice. The gun club are working with the officers to reduce the level of noise coming from the shoot.            7.3 Straw Bunding – After consultation with the Environment Protection Officers, the gun club has asked the council for permission to erect/construct some straw bunding in an effort to reduce the noise and comply with the abatement notice.  <b>PROPOSAL:</b> The CMG puts the request to full council for consideration/permission, subject to any health and safety issues being addressed.  <b>PROPOSED:</b> Mr Povah  <b>SECONDED:</b> Mr McCulloch  <b>DECISION:</b> passed (all in favour)</p>	Full council

<p><b>8. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u></b> none</p>	
<p><b>9. <u>Public Participation</u></b> The following questions/comments were made by a member of the public.</p> <p>9.1 Has the CMG considered the ‘Clay Target Shooting, guidance on the control of noise’, from the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health when producing its draft agreement?</p> <p>9.2 The use of straw bunding will have public safety issues that need to be addressed. The Secretary of State may need to give permission for the bunding to be erected.</p>	
<p><b>10. <u>Summary of Recommendations</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Formal agreement between gun club and Parish Council – Put to full council to consider and approve the agreement</li> <li>• ‘Dogs on Leads’ signs to be mentioned in PR</li> <li>• Culm Vale Gun Club’s request for permission to construct/erect straw bale bunding at Hemyock Common following consultation with Environmental Protection Officers in an effort to comply with a recent Noise Abatement Notice - to be put to full council for consideration</li> </ul>	
<p><b>11. <u>Next Meeting</u></b> will be at 7.30pm on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2014 at Longmead.</p>	

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

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