

Hemyock Parish Council
Commons Management Group Meeting
held at Longmead, Hemyock at 7.30pm on 26th September 2019

Subject	Action
<p>1. <u>Present</u> Mr N Moon (chair), Mr T Barton, Mr P Doble, Mr A Russell and Mrs D Evans (Parish Clerk) <u>Apologies</u> Mr L Povah and Mr S Ritchie (received and approved) <u>Absent</u> Miss J Fouracre</p>	
<p>2. <u>Declarations of Interest/Dispensations</u> Mr Moon declared he has a personal interest as he is a member of the Rough Shoot Syndicate that uses Hemyock Turbary & Shuttleton Common.</p>	
<p>3. <u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u> PROPOSAL: The minutes of the 21st March are approved. PROPOSED: Mr Doble SECONDED: Mr Barton DECISION: passed (all in favour).</p>	
<p>4. <u>Hemyock Turbary</u> 4.1 Hard-standing parking area – Section 38 of the Commons Act, (guidance sheet 4) confirms that consent from the Secretary of State is not needed for resurfacing the common with loose material. The clerk is waiting for MDDC to confirm whether planning permission is required. 4.2 The areas around the newly installed benches need strimming. Clerk to ask Mr I Pike to add to list of jobs. 4.3 Picnic bench to be installed on the turbary. Mr I Pike to liaise with Mr Moon reference exact location.</p>	<p>Clerk Clerk Clerk</p>
<p>5. <u>Shuttleton Common</u> 5.1 Hi-Line has inspected the common and needs to take down several small oak trees which are encroaching onto power lines. They will plant replacement trees. 5.2 Grazing of the common did not happen this year due weather conditions and other commitments of the farmer involved. 5.3 Mr Moon suggested the parish could have an event whereby parishioners buy a native hardwood tree (between 4-5ft) and plant it at Shuttleton in February next year. The pc might consider providing the stakes and guards. Clerk to mention in PR. 5.4 2-in-1 gate – carry forward. 5.5 It was suggested that the firebreaks on the common need to be widened (for users and to be more effective).</p>	<p>Full council</p>
<p>6. <u>Lickham & Ashculme Turbaries</u> Nothing to report. Clerk to ask Ed Hopkinson (Devon Wildlife Trust) for an update.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>7. <u>Owleycombe Common</u> P3 grant scheme – carry forward.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Community Land</u> The developer of the land adjacent to the cemetery has asked for a representative from the council to meet informally with a prospective buyer to reassure him that the council remains committed to taking on a parcel of community land. It was suggested the chair, clerk and chair of CMG represent the council. A discussion ensued and ideas were suggested for the possible uses of the community land, access, water, design, getting appropriate groups on involved.</p>	<p>Full council</p>
<p>9. <u>Items raised by Chairman</u> Nothing to report.</p>	
<p>10. <u>Items raised by Councillors/Clerk</u> 10.1 It was suggested the group arrange a walk on all commons in the spring.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Public Participation</u> Nothing to report.</p>	

12. Summary of Recommendations/Information

The CMG recommends to full council that:-

- Bench areas are strimmed and a picnic bench installed at the turbary by Mr I Pike.
- A tree planting event is held in February. Parishioners to purchase (via the council) and plant a native hardwood tree. The pc to provide stakes and guards.
- The chair of CMG, clerk and chair of council to meet informally with the prospective purchaser of the land adjacent to cemetery to confirm that the pc remains committed to taking on a parcel of community land

13. Next Meeting 7.30pm, Thursday 6th February 2020 at Longmead.

Meeting closed at 9.01pm

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