

HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on April 7th 2014

Present: Mr Mike Allin (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)
Mrs Hazel Barkworth (Commoner)
Mr Peter Stenning (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)
Mr Chris Welfare (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)

Dan Cornell did not attend

Matters arising

- a) The 57 trees planted in the centre of common need re-staking
- b) DC did not flail the 1988 plantation in the autumn
- c) MA has spoken to Bruce regarding producing a new Management Agreement
- d) Management Plan still to be finalised before CW can put it on the web-site
- e) Fly-tipping is still happening with a metal frame to be removed from Hesworth main car-park
- f) CW, MA and PS are still keeping an eye on the progress of work at Badgers in St Marys. Land Registry to be checked for EXACT line of property frontage, where a small garden has been created with fencing. It all looks rural and pleasing but worries arise over possible future if house is sold
- g) Heather seed not collected, rhododendrons were attacked on work day but brambles still need attention
- h) Lorries are still scraping the sandy bank on south side of A283; keep a watching brief
- i) MA to contact Scouts again about help in Birchwalks
- j) Trees overhanging Bradley-Williams seat still need trimming
- k) Remove posts indicating a riding route and use for edging main car park
- l) Undergrowth around trees in 1988 plantation was cut down
- m) DC will give us a work-day with volunteers to tackle brambles near Trig point and western car park
- n) 1989 commemorative tree still needs trees behind it to be trimmed
- o) Forest Schools still come and have offered £100 in thanks for permission to use the common, but they must NOT light fires

New Items:

- 1) MA to contact John Rosser about having a dog bin in main car park
- 2) Arches at entrances to both car parks need renewing, MA calculated cost could be £100--£150
- 3) MA will organise a revision of his flyer about the common and CW agreed that copies could be put into the Village Magazine for distribution
- 4) Work days will cope with re-staking, removal of metal frame, bramble removal, tree cutting around the B-W seat, posts to edge car parks and possibly hold a dog bin.

Future dates:

Work Day with WCV may possibly be on Sunday August 10th.

Management meeting on October 13th at Woodside at 4pm