

HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on October 13th 2014

Present: Mr Mike Allin (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)
Mrs Hazel Barkworth (Commoner)
Mr Chris Welfare (Fittleworth Parish Councillor)
Mr Dan Cornell (South Downs National Park)

Matters arising

- a) The 57 trees planted in the centre of common were re-staked.
- b) DC may be able to flail the 1988 plantation soon
- c) Management Plan still to be finalised before CW can put it on the web-site
- d) Everyone is keeping an eye out for fly-tipping, and will report it if seen
- e) We are still keeping an eye on 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
- f) Heather seed not collected, but rhododendrons and brambles were attacked on work day
- g) Lorries are still scraping the sandy bank on south side of A283; keep a watching brief
- h) MA contacted Steve Casebow of the Scouts who are still willing to help in Birchwalks
- i) Trees overhanging Bradley-Williams seat still being watched for trimming
- j) Not many of the posts indicating the riding route are left for edging main car park
- k) 1989 commemorative tree still needs trees behind it to be trimmed
- l) Forest Schools came in August and have given £100 in thanks for permission to use the common, but they must NOT light fires
- m) Main car park now has a dog-bin
- n) Arches at car-park entrances have been refurbished at cost of £135 for labour & £100 for the Oak
- o) 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
- p) Work days coped with re-staking, removal of metal frame, having a blitz on brambles and rhododendron, tree-cutting around B-W seat and posts for car-parks

New Items:

- 1) Erect a new seat in NW area B, and uncover the steps down
- 2) Bruce Middleton and Colin Hedley will survey and re-map the Common for a new Management Plan at a cost of £1575 + VAT. Draft will come to MA and a meeting will be held to discuss the proposals before approval
- 3) Clear areas B and C of bramble and scrub and fell any trees that obscure the view. Check area E for heather and clear of scrub.

Future dates:

Work Day with WCV will be on April 12th 2015.

Management meeting on March 30th at Woodside at 4pm