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HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on October 14th 2015

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

Mr Dan Cornell (South Downs National Park) was not present.

Matters arising

- a) DC did the flailing of the 1988 plantation, but there is more to be done.
- b) Management Plan now finalised with Natural England. CW can put it on the web-site, when MA has obtained an electronic version.
- c) Lots more fly-tipping on Western car-park including garden rubbish.
- d) 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. MA had contacted the Land Registry.
- e) Forest Schools are still interested to use the common, but they must NOT light fires
- f) 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
- g) New seat in NW area B not yet done, steps are to be left uncleared as there is a reasonable path alongside.
- h) Trees in central plantation were checked and re-staked.
- i) Not all our money for 2014 work has been received. Bruce Middleton says that payments have been delayed.
- j) Trees in Birchwalks Wood, the Centenary Tree and near the Bradley-Williams seat still need doing.
- k) Last work day concentrated on cutting back the birch and scraping beside the path connecting areas B and ~~A~~ A, *MA*
- l) Work day with South Downs Volunteers on October 8th was very successful. They worked on clearing a link between Trig point and area B, and east of Areas B & C. MA discovered that they had lit a fire!!!!

New Items:

- 1) In the autumn DC will continue the flailing in the 1988 plantation and collect heather seeds, and will have sprayed the bracken at the right time.
- 2) Claim for moneys for 2014 work from Natural England as per our Management Plan has been delayed. MA will continue to press for payment, as the work has been done.
- 3) MA will ask Andrew Gale to deal with trimming the trees in Birchwalks Wood, the WSCC Centenary tree at top of St Mary's Drive and near the Bradley-Williams seat.
- 4) MA will produce another small "flyer" re the work-days on the Common to be placed in the Village Magazine for months when work-days are arranged—hoping to entice more helpers.
- 5) MA and Andrew Gale still need to survey the trees growing on the very edges of the common and the triangle where the Bowling green and the Scout & Guide HQ are situated to assess their condition and their

stability. MA will check with Julia Gadd about the strip of Common north of the A283—is it ours or Fitzleroi Farm's?

- 6) MA will keep an eye on the fence around the top of the Bowling Green, that has been pulled down once this autumn already.
- 7) From the new Plan the next work-day will concentrate on cutting back the birch and scraping beside the path connecting areas B and C to create a heather link. Also the fly-tipped rubbish will be cleared.
- 8) South Downs Volunteers will be asked to take down the birch trees that obstruct the view of the downs from the seat in area C (TCCB's seat).
- 9) A quote is needed for the scraping of areas B to C and from Trig point to area B to be carried out in November.
- 10) Proposal by John Edgar to erect a block of stone on or near the main car-park for him to organise sculpture sessions with local residents. More details need to be obtained.

Future dates:

Work Day with WCV ~~may be organised in 2016.~~ *to-bee Nov 22nd 2015*

Work Day with South Downs Rangers will be on October 18th 2015

Management meeting on March 14th 2016 at Woodside at 4.00pm