

**HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on October 10<sup>th</sup> 2016**

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

*Matters arising*

- a) No electronic version yet, so the plan is not on the website. DC will check up..
- b) MA has checked with the Land Registry, about Badgers, the cottage at the top of St Mary's. The garden has strayed onto common land. The Parish council will be in contact with the owners by letter.
- c) MA will organise a revised flyer to be placed on local notice boards about the work day on October 30<sup>th</sup>. CW has already placed a reminder in the Village Magazine.
- d) New seat required in NW area to replace Joan Harvey's pine stumps. The steps are to be left uncleared as there is a reasonable path alongside.
- e) Trees in central plantation were checked and need larger stakes for re-staking. Rubber ties are also required, and will be completed.
- f) Trees in Birchwalks Wood, the Centenary Tree and near the Bradley-Williams seat still need doing. Seat needs Wood preservative to be applied.
- g) MA still needs to replace some posts in the fencing around the bowls green.
- h) Birch was cut back and scraping beside the path was done on the path connecting areas B and C to create a heather link. Fly tipped rubbish was cleared.
- i) South downs volunteers are still to take down a few more or the remaining birch trees that obstruct the view of the downs from the seat in area C. ( TCCBs seat).
- j) DC will send an electronic version of the Management Plan to MA.
- k) Renovation of sign -boards in the main car park, removal of riding comments and re-setting of posts still need to be done. DC will use part of Heritage Lottery grant for this.
- l) MA had no re-action from a suggestion to Bruce Middleton that we might get a donation towards the cost of any scraping that we might do.
- m) More birch needs cutting down in area C in the Autumn, possibly by DC and his volunteers.
- n) MA had walked the Common with DC and BM in the spring, checking on possible future works to be done. No one had looked specifically for sundews in the bog area.
- o) MA confirmed having submitted the Stewardship claim form for 2015/16. subsequently a confirmation of receipt of the claim form had been received.

*New Items:*

- 1) Sign-boards in main car park need renovation, removal of riding comments and re-setting of posts. DC says that he could use part of the Heritage Lottery grant to fund this.
- 2) More birch needs cutting down in area C in January '17 possibly by DC and his volunteers.
- 3) Cut trees within Birchwalks and on path down towards Holly Grove on October 13<sup>th</sup>.

- 4) Centenary Tree still needs attention to allow it to grow more upright, possibly on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 5) MA will ask a firm known as Arboricultural Excellence to help with clearing some of the larger trees of their covering of ivy.
- 6) DC will deal with the birch re-growth in area E, and on the lower slopes down from the Trig point, during his work day on October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- 7) MA will fit 3 new posts along fence over the bowling green.
- 8) On next workday with the WCV, more clearing of scrub and bracken will be carried out on slopes below the Trig point.

*Future dates:*

Work Day will be organised on October 13<sup>th</sup> with DC and his volunteers

Another will be organised with the WCV on October 30<sup>th</sup>, and April 30<sup>th</sup> 2017.

Management meeting on April 3<sup>rd</sup> 2017 at Woodside at 4.00pm