

**HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE**  
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on November 6th 2017

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

*Matters arising*

- a) Electronic version of the Management Plan is out, but it is not yet on the website. Chris W will action.
- b) MA has checked with the Land Registry, about Badgers, the cottage at the top of St Mary's, whose front garden is a metre wide. But they have strayed onto common land. The Parish council will be in contact with the owners by letter. MA still to action.
- c) New seat erected on August 13th in NW area to replace Joan Harvey's pine stumps.
- d) Trees in Birchwalks Wood, the Centenary Tree and near the Bradley-Williams seat still need reviewing. Seat to be checked to see if Wood preservative needs to be applied.
- e) Signboards in main car park had been renovated, but one needs replacing. Charles W will check to see if we can help with funding from Bruce Middleton for this. Also decided to have a map on display.
- f) Still more birch needs cutting down in area C on November 16<sup>th</sup>, possibly by DC and his volunteers.
- g) Centenary Tree needs more clearing around it to allow it to grow more upright.
- h) MA cleared about 50% of ivy growing on some large trees, more ivy still to cleared.
- i) Birch and dead bracken was cleared in area A, trimming of low branches to pine trees north of the Trig point still needs to be done.
- j) A review still needs to be done to assess the amount of rhododendron on the Common.
- k) DC and Charles W will look at maps (and on site) to decide if encroachment onto the Common is taking place at Holly Grove.
- l) More scrapings needed around the bog area, and a check on what has already been done will be carried out in 2018.
- m) Check in 2018 new planting near the bog area.
- n) Check again the footpath between areas B and E for heather re-growth, and the grass edges need cutting.
- o) Heather on slopes down from the Trig Point has sprouted, and DC sprayed the bracken in August.

*New Items:*

- 1) New rubbish bin to be installed in the main car park, near the dog bin.
- 2) Dog bin sign is needed. MA to action.
- 3) A new slat is needed on the lower seat.
- 4) DC or Charles W will try to find someone to update the bird book.

- 5) Work to be carried out on November 16<sup>th</sup>: check heather growth between areas B and C, and remove bracken if necessary: in area C remove birch to maintain the view from S.W. seat: inspect new planting in bog area: inspect area E to check view from lower seat: check at Trig Point for birch that may need cutting down: remove several trees that have fallen across paths. Chris W had made a map showing where: check acid grass in link path between areas B and C.

*Future dates:*

Work Day will be organised on November 16th .

Management meeting on April 9<sup>th</sup> 2018 at Woodside at 4.30pm