

HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on November 3rd 2018

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

Matters arising

- a) C Welfare will put the new Electronic version of the Management Plan onto the website.
- 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 and they have strayed onto common land. The Parish council will be in contact with the owners by letter and will include a map. MA still to action.
- c) 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.
- d) One Signboard in main car park needs replacing, and to include a map of the Common.
- e) Birch trees have been cut down in area C on November 16th 2017.
- f) Centenary Tree needs more clearing around it to allow it to grow more upright.
- g) MA cleared about 50% of ivy growing on some large trees, more ivy still to cleared. Andrew Gale's survey will deal with the ivy.
- h) A review still needs to be done to assess the amount of rhododendron on the Common. MA will continue working with the Scouts/Cubs on this project.
- i) More scrapings needed around the bog area, and a check on what has already been done was carried out in 2018. The new Plan will include work on the bog area during 2019.
- j) A new rubbish bin was installed in main car park in 2018.
- k) A new slat is still needed on the lower seat. MA to action.
- l) C Welfare will put a notice in the village magazine asking for a volunteer to update the book that details the bird population on the common.
- m) 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. All this has been done. For now!

New Items:

- 1) Draft New Management Plan for remaining 3 years of our Stewardship Agreement is available for comment.
- 2) Hope to have a new enlarged map of the Common issued by SDNP on a new board in main car park.
- 3) MA repaired the "goal-post" arch to main car park and it was demolished within 5 days by a car entering at an acute angle.

- 4) Following 2 trees that fell recently over the B2138 by the Rifle Range, Andrew Gale has done a new tree survey. Quotes are being obtained for the necessary remedial work. Andrew Gale has done a new tree survey
- 5) MA organised new chestnut fencing to be erected above the Rifle Range after the trees were cleared.
- 6) Tree branches over Church Lane need trimming back.
- 7) More Type 1 stone (possibly 2 tonnes) is needed to fill ruts in main car park.
- 8) We need to report the continuation of rubbish being dumped in car parks and lay-by.
- 9) Illegal swings are still being erected by the public, and we are removing them as soon as noticed.
- 10) When any tree surgeons are next working on the Common, we need to ask them to remove the high swing over the bog area, which we cannot reach.

Future dates:

Work Day with W C V will be organised in April 2019 .

Management meeting on April 8th 2019 at Woodside at 4pm.