

HESWORTH COMMON MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD on April 29th 2019

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

Matters arising

- a) Chris W will put the new Electronic version of the Management Plan onto the website, after a few changes have been made.
- 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, and to check with the Land Registry exactly what constitutes Badgers.
- c) Trees in Birchwalks Wood, the Centenary Tree those and near the Bradley-Williams seat still need reviewing. Seat to be checked to see if Wood preservative needs to be applied. These will be done whilst the Scouts are working in Birchwalks on May 22nd at 7.45pm.
- d) One Signboard in main car park needs replacing, and to include a map of the Common. Charles W will ask the S D N P about the new sign, and he will look into the possibility of part-funding.
- e) Centenary Tree needs more clearing around it to allow it to grow more upright, checking on May 22nd.
- f) 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.
- g) Chris has put a notice in the village magazine asking for a volunteer to update the book that details the bird population on the common. Charles will continue dialogue with two persons from Pulborough who appear interested.
- h) A claim form for the Stewardship Agreement has been signed and submitted.
- i) Charles W hopes to obtain a new map for placing in the main car park.
- j) We need to continue to report the dumping of rubbish in the car parks and lay-bys.
- k) Illegal swings are still being erected and removed when discovered. Under the Crow Act the Parish Council is responsible for the safety of the public on the Common, and will continue to remove any illegal swings that are found.
- l) Two trees have fallen across the B2138 and were cleared. New chestnut fencing was erected above the Rifle Range after the fallen trees were removed. Andrew Gale has done another tree survey of a beech tree which overhangs the B283 and he reports that the tree is currently stable with the suggestion that a further survey is carried out in two to three years time.

New Items

- 1) Dan Cornell plans to spray the bracken in July/August, and he will submit costings to the Council prior to confirmation.
- 2) WCV are coming on 18th August to help to remove brambles on lower slope of area B. Charles W will scrape area B – A link and in the bog area. He will also use a brush cutter to cut heather ready for strewing for seeding.
- 3) More Type 1 stone is needed to fill ruts in main car park. This will be reviewed before the Autumn.

- 4) We need to monitor the frequency of a motor caravan that is often parked in the Western car park.
- 5) Charles W will contact the Fire Officer in Midhurst to obtain details of emergency access points as promised.

Future dates:

Work Day with W C V will be organised on August 18th. This will be confirmed.

Management meeting on September 23rd at Woodside at 4pm.