

# Hesworth Common Management Committee

Minutes of the Hesworth Common Management Committee meeting held on 20/07/21 at 3.30pm (Woodside Cottage)

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

Apologies for absence: None

Minutes of the last meeting held on 5th May 2021: Agreed with minor corrections.

## Matters arising

- a) C.Winchester said the main car park notice board is not as specified and is too high and will ask the provider if this can be corrected. MA said the old sign should be removed.
- b) C.Winchester will ask Mark McManus if he has done the bird survey and will email MA with his phone number and email address.
- c) A letter has been received acknowledging The Annual Environmental Stewardship application for 2021 has been received by Natural England.
- d) The tree survey has indicated that 51 trees are in need of work. Estimate of cost is £5-7K. Pine trees could be felled and sold to help pay for the work. MA to send survey to C.Winchester and Chris Paterson (SDNP).
- e) MA to ask the clerk to send a letter to the Fittleworth Bowls Club asking them to arrange for the fencing to the southern end of the footpath high above the bowls green to be fitted.
- f) C.Winchester has organised a Heath walk on 26/08/2021 at 10:30am meeting in the main car park and again on 23/09/2021 in the hope of recruiting new people to help on conservation working days.
- g) HB asked who was responsible for the items pinned to the village notice board as some are not appropriate. C.Welfare stated that he pins many of the notices and remove those that are out of date.
- h) The main car park notice board contribution by the Parish Council has been paid. There is no other expenditure. The clerk has asked for the value of the notice board for insurance purposes.
- i) We have agreed with the bikers that they will not bike on the footpaths or create new jumps. On the jumps that have been removed in and around area B, C.Winchester stated that the seeds are still there and will rejuvenate.

## New Items

- 1) MA went through the Hesworth Common Management Committee terms of reference and it was agreed to delete the word 'monthly' in the Public Health and Safety Requirements section. Copies will be circulated to everyone.
- 2) Under the new Management Plan, Dan Cornell will spray the bracken in mid August. C.Winchester stated that to increase the stewardship grant money, the area will need to be expanded and the volume increased.
- 3) MA and TB to look at areas in Hesworth Common to plant new trees. MA to circulate Bob Epsom's report on his visit to check Heritage trees and ideas for planting young trees on Hesworth Common and Birchwalks Woods.
- 4) MA contacted the police about the Hesworth Common flasher, possibly seen boarding a local bus at Hesworth lane junction. No follow-up has been received. This matter will be raised with the local PC at the next Parish Council meeting.
- 5) On Rew Cottage footpath that was widened, MA suggested planting stakes not Holly as surrounding fauna will rejuvenate over time.
- 6) Seating in memory of loved ones on Hesworth Common is not to be allowed. The plaque by the seat on the Trig point is to be removed.

- 7) Scrub in the new plantation area in Birchwalks Woods will be cleared and additional young trees planted when the Scouts and Cubs return in the autumn from the pandemic.
- 8) Date of next Management Meeting 17/11/2021 at 3.30pm (Woodside Cottage).

The meeting ended at 5.12pm.

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