

**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS AND HAMS
COMMITTEE MEETING OF KEMPSEY PARISH
COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 22ND AUGUST 2011 AT
7.30PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Mr M Legg (in the Chair)

Mr B Bowley; Mrs C Campbell; Mr D Harrison; Mr J Michael and Mr A Rea
(Mr Harrison arrived shortly after the meeting had commenced)

1. Election of Chairman: Mr Legg stepped down as Chairman and proposed that Mr Bowley be appointed as new Chairman. This was seconded by Mr Rea with all members in agreement.

2. Apologies for absence: Mr A Hay (accepted)

3. Declaration of Interest – Prejudicial and Non Prejudicial: As someone holding registered grazing rights in respect of all commonable areas other than Kerswell Green Common, Mr Harrison declared a personal interest in respect of the Commons and Hams. Mr Bowley declared a personal interest being a member of Kerswell Green Graziers Association.

4. Matters arising from last minutes: Mr Legg made a suggestion that the grass verges and over growth need cutting back by at least 1 metre from the roadside near Stonehall Common. Quotes are to be obtained in respect of these works. Mr Legg advised that works had been completed at Oak Tree Cottage. He also advised that works were almost complete concerning commons topping.

5. Budget: Carry forward the next committee meeting monies concerning expenditure on the Commons and Hams fencing and topping.

6. Ashmoor Common – HLS Agreement – Full Implementation: Councillors Mr Harrison, Mrs Campbell, Mr Bowley and Mr Legg together with Nick Kinahan attended a meeting with Liz Bishop from Natural England, it was agreed to proceed with the maintenance works on Ashmoor Common within a 2-3 week time scale, which will likely use the allocated budget.

7. Kerswell Green Sewage Works – Update on progress: Mr Legg reported that Severn Trent were awaiting clarification concerning the ownership of the blocked pipe.

8. Lower Ham Graziers – Update on Dispute with Mr Quibell: An update concerning the history of Mr Quibell was discussed and we can confirm that a response has been issued to Mr Quibell's Solicitor and we are awaiting any further reply.

Registration of Graziers: Mr Bowley agreed that he will contact the Legal Department at WCC to obtain a copy of the Graziers Register.

9. Kempsey Common – Work to be carried out following Working Party meeting: The working party carried out an extensive inspection of Kempsey Common and identified areas that required action. These included:

1. Broken stile at the bottom of Kempsey Common has now been removed and replaced.
2. Brash left over from previous fencing works to be removed.
3. Allotment gates are unsecure and action will be taken to secure them.
4. Allotment fence posts need replacing and repair quotes are to be obtained in respect of this.
5. Fence at the top of Marl Bank needs additional posting works.
6. The culverts were inspected and it was suggested to monitor the culvert located by Stonehall Farm.
7. It was suggested that the protruding water metre on Kempsey common be surrounded by compact soil and sprayed yellow to prevent any accidents.

Register of Graziers: We are still awaiting for two agreements to be returned for leasing of common rights and these will be chased up.

10. Normoor Common – Visibility on bend and clearance of debris: Works are complete.

11. Quotes for works to be done: Mr Legg suggested that quotes in respect of common topping be obtained as a 3 year in advance quote. This was agreed to carry forward to the next Parish Council meeting.

12. Risk Assessment – Update on progress: No update available.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.55PM

Mrs R Cutler
Assistant Clerk
22nd August 2011