

**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON TUESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2014 AT 7.30PM  
IN THE COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Bannister, Cllr Bowley (Chairman), Cllr Hay and Cllr Waller

**IN ATTENDANCE:** One member of the public

	<b>Action By</b>
1. Apologies: <b>None</b>	
2. Declarations of Interest	
1. Register of Interests: Councillors were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.	
2. To declare any Disclosable Pecuniary Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - <b>None</b> .	
3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature - <b>None</b> .	
One member of public was present. Standing orders were suspended for public participation. No participation took place. Standing orders were re-imposed.	
3. Minutes: <b>It was proposed by Cllr Waller and seconded by Cllr Bannister that the minutes of Commons &amp; Hams Committee of 26.06.14 be accepted as a true copy. This was voted on and carried unanimously. The minutes were signed as a true and correct record.</b>	
4. Recommend to Parish Council a response to the non-freedom of information aspects of Mr W Halfords letter to Parish Council dated 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2014. <b>Cll Bowley circulated a draft response which was discussed and amended. It was proposed by Cllr Hay and Seconded by Cll Waller that the response be accepted. This was voted upon and carried unanimously.</b>	Cllr Bowley
5. Allocate responsibility for individual commons to Committee Members. <b>It was agreed that the following responsibilities be allocated:- Management of Cattle on Ashmoor Common - Cllr Bannister. Management of Ashmoor Common - Cllr Bannister and Cllr Waller. Management of Stonehall Common - Cllr Waller. Management of Normoor Common - Cllr Bowley. Management of Kerswell Green Common - Cllr Bowley. Management of Kempsey Common - Cllr Hay and Cllr Smith (Subject to appointment)</b>	
6. Recommend replacement tree for Western Power to supply for Kempsey Common <b>It was decided to accept Cllr Waller`s suggestion and recommend to the that a Crab Apple tree be used as a replacement.</b>	Cllr Bowley
7. Agree schedule for gorse cutting and topping on Kempsey Common. <b>It was agreed to leave the topping on Kempsey Common until overgrowth is noticed and to recommend that the Council use the services of "Stumpcutters" contractor for one days hire for gorse clearance. It was felt that this contractor had to be used due to the specialized equipment required.</b>	Cllr Bowley

**The area cleared of gorse earlier this year may in future require less specialized equipment. The Committee Chairman is going to look into this.**

	<b>Action By</b>
8. Recommend to PC response to non FOI aspects of W Halford letter of 7th July. <b>This item had been resolved in Agenda Item No.4</b>	
9. Discuss any further work required on all Commons. <b>The Committee Chairman asked members of the Committee to think about any future works that may be required on the commons. Cllr Waller discussed some problems with brambles.</b>	All
10. Organise burning of the brush on Normoor Common. <b>The Committee decided to form a working party to carry out the burning of the brush upon Normoor Common. The Committee Chairman suggested the 17th August 2014.</b>	Cllr Bowley
11. Update Members on Commons mowing, gravel pit extension proposals, Kempsey Common post repair/replacement	
<b>The Committee Chairman gave the following updates:-</b>	
Gravel Pit Extension Proposal. Natural England has received their own hydrological survey which will help them in considering the gravel pit plans. Cllr Bowley will try and obtain a copy of the report.	Cllr Bowley
Kempsey Common Post Repair/ Replacement. The Council agreed to replace 2 posts. Closer examination has revealed that 4 posts need replacing. Authority was given for £150 be spent on the two posts. Our contractor will do the additional works for £40. Authority is being sought.	Cllr Bowley
Asset Values. The Committee Chairman informed the Committee that they will need to look at the asset value spreadsheet and review the values of the Councils Assets.	All members
Cllr Waller asked for an update of agenda item 7 from the previous meeting which referred to a document that is being put together to provide guidance to future Commons and Hams Committees. The Committee Chairman informed the Committee that this was works in progress and should be completed by the next meeting	Cllr Bowley

Cllr Andrew Hay  
(Clerk Absent)