



**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS & HAMS COMMITTEE MEETING
 HELD ON THURSDAY 11th JUNE 2015 AT 6.30 PM AT KEMPSEY
 COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Bannister, Cllr Bevan, Cllr Michael, Cllr Pugh and Cllr Waller

IN ATTENDANCE: - 5 Members of the Public were present .

1. Cllr Waller was appointed as Committee Chairman.
2. Apologies: None
3. Declaration of Interests:
 1. Register of Interests: Councillors' were reminded of the need to update their register of interests.
 2. Disclosable Pecuniary Interests (DPI) – None
 3. Other Disclosable Interests (ODI) –None

The meeting was adjourned for Public Question Time, notes of which are appended to these minutes

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| 4. Minutes: The minutes of 01.05.15 having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record. | Action |
| 5. To complete claim request from Rural Payments Agency – Deadline midnight 15 th June 2015
The Clerk confirmed online registration for the Rural Payments Agency (Environmental Stewardship) claim dated 8 th May 2015. She confirmed she had spoken to Natural England who offered assurance monies would be paid for 2015/16. | Clerk |
| 6. Letter from Ian Murray Associates - Vehicular Access across Kempsey Common – meeting request. Item deferred until the next meeting. Cllr Bevan to try to obtain a copy of the licence. The Clerk to update Ian Murray Associates and ask if they have a proposal regarding the grasscrete | Clerk |
| 7. Application to deregister and exchange common land at Upper Ham from Osborne Clarke
A response confirming that The Parish Council has no objection providing the storm drain does not affect the Severn Way. To transfer to Planning Committee and ask that they submit a response under delegated powers. | CW

Clerk/
MB |
| 8. To issue a letter/contract to Mr. Chris Gove for care of cattle.
The original document is to be located – defer to next committee meeting. | DB
MB |
| 9. To secure by-law signs - Request from Mrs Halford
Cllr Bevan to secure the by law sign to the gate at Common Farm.
Cllr Bannister to re-site a by-law sign on Ashmoor Common and carry out an inspection on all signs to ensure they are secure. | Clerk/
MB |
| 10. Request for 3 x post repairs located at farmers Arms.
Martin to liaise with contractors to obtain quotes for post repairs located at The Farmers Arms. | Clerk |
| 11. Any Other Business | JM |
| a. A letter of thanks is to be issued to Mr. Bowley for all his hard work and efforts. | Action |

<p>b. Cllr Michael to devise a letter to send to Mr. Quibell concerning the access gate located at Pixham Ferry Lane to suggest he replaces following the incident where cable was stolen from the bund.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>c. Cllr Bannister suggested we use an independent vet to administer TB testing of our cattle following a change in legislation which did not appear to offer the same flexibility. Cllr Bannister to make further enquiries with The Ministry of Agriculture .</p>	<p>DP</p>
<p>d. Cllr Pugh to liaise with Mr. Gove concerning Grazing Rights following a request to increase His grazing rights from 4 to 6.</p>	<p>Clerk</p>
<p>e. Following the incident where a cow had to be rescued from Ashmoor Common in April 2015 a it was suggested the churned up ground be levelled out.</p>	<p>DB CW/DB</p>
<p>f. A request was made to chase an outstanding invoice from Teal Turf in connection with fence repairs to Ashmoor Common, in which one of our cows escaped.</p>	
<p>g. Cllr Bevan to obtain quotes for notices regarding availability of codes for locked Commons gates.</p>	<p>CW</p>
<p>h. Cllr Waller/Bevan to inspect and remove the key style padlock at the eastern gate on Kempsey Common adjacent to Stonehall Common and replace with a combination lock.</p>	
<p>i. Work is in progress to the Frequently Asked Questions to our Commons & Hams. To bring forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>MB</p>
<p>j. Cllr Waller to chase the proposed management scheme for Ashmoor Common to be prepared by Colin Cross in consultation with Natural England.</p>	
<p>k. Cllr Bannister to seek confirmation from Mr Coole that he will continue to mow Normoor and Stonehall Commons (Free of Charge) in return for taking the hay.</p>	
<p>Meeting Closed 7.26 pm Sharon Baxter Clerk</p>	
<p>Signed Chairman..... Date</p>	

Standing Orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Nancy Morris –

Confirmed that supplementary feeding is affecting the behaviour of the horse/ponies on Kempsey Common. This was demonstrated by ponies circling one of her ewes causing unnecessary distress to the animal. Supplementary feeding should not occur at this time of year.

She also advised that an experienced horse rider fell off her horse as a result of animal behaviour.

Cllr Waller confirmed The Parish Council will proceed on this matter to follow the correct process to endeavour to resolve the problems.

Mrs Morris also returned the by-law sign that needs re-securing to the gate on Common Farm entrance.

Standing Orders were re-imposed