

**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE MEETING OF  
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL  
HELD ON THURSDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2014 AT 8.15PM  
IN THE PARISH OFFICE AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**PRESENT:** - Cllr Bannister, Cllr Bowley, Cllr Hay and Cllr Waller

**IN ATTENDANCE:** No attendees

1. Cllr Bowley was elected as Chairman
2. Apologies: None
3. 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 - None.
  3. To declare any Other Disclosable Interests in items on the agenda and their nature –  
Cllr Hay declared an ODI in respect Common Rights on Kempsey Common and Cllr Waller declared ODI in respect of Common Rights on Stonehall Common

No members of public were present
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4. Minutes: The minutes of Commons & Hams Committee of 24.03.14 were signed as a true and correct record.
5. The clearance of rubbish on Normoor common is to be delayed until after the grass cutting by Mr Coole has taken place. The Chairman will then liaise with Committee members to make suitable arrangements to dispose of the tree branches and debris.
6. The Committee recommended the appointment of a management consultant Colin Cross to advise via Natural England the best way to manage Ashmoor Common, at a cost of £40 per hour up to a maximum of £800 (20hours work), subject to a suitable contract being drawn up. This will be presented on the July agenda.
7. Item was deferred. Chairman is to liaise with Adam Rea concerning setting up of an information document for the use of future councillors re: facts and knowledge.
8. To discuss putting forward a formal Council response to the proposal to expand the quarry at Clifton and the impact this could have on Ashmoor Common- Item deferred until a formal application is received. Cllr Bannister to update Committee members by circulating The Environmental Impact Assessment - Scoping Opinion Request.
9. It was recommended to produce the Commons Bye Law signs on A2 size format. Cllr Hay to produce a mock copy. Item to be presented on the July agenda.
10. Cllr Bannister to circulate the draft annual commons letter compiled by Adam Rea to all committee members for discussion at a later date.
11. Item deferred. Clerk to circulate to Committee members questions sent to DEFRA and answers received to enlighten members regarding liability aspects.
12. To finalize the grass cutting contracts in respect of all The Commons

Ashmoor – Management Control in hand/cattle.

Normoor & Stonehall - Mr Coole to attend to

Kempsey Common – To go out to tender – Cllr Bowley to liaise with Stonecutters concerning further gorse eradication.

(Cllr Bowley declared an ODI as Mr Allaway is a friend of his and he also abstained from voting).

Kerswell Green – Mr Allaway attends to the grass cutting free of charge 3-4 times a year. Cllr Bowley requested that as a good will gesture we pay him £50 for 2014/15 as allocated and authorized in the 2013/14 budget. The Committee resolved to pay Mr Allaway the sum of £50.00 as an ex gratia payment for 2014/15. This item to be presented on the July agenda.

13. Any Other Business

A committee member is to be appointed as a Warden to each common.

As the committee is currently one member short this item will be deferred until one further member is appointed.

Meeting Closed at 9.26 PM

Sharon Baxter

Clerk