



**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS & HAMS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON TUESDAY 5TH JUNE 2018
AT 7.30PM AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Cllr Waller (Chair), Cllr Dodge, Cllr Michael, Cllr Ferguson and Cllr Geens

IN ATTENDANCE: - Sharon Baxter (Clerk and Responsible Finance Officer) and 5 members of the Public.

1. Appointment of Chairman – Cllr Waller was reappointed.
2. Apologies: Cllr Varley (Personal) - accepted
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 Interest on items on the agenda and their nature - None.

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

3. Minutes: The minutes of the Commons & Hams Committee of 10.05.2018, having been previously circulated were signed as a true and correct record.
Matters arising from these minutes - None.
4. Update on
 - Ashmoor Common – Cllr Waller reported that the cattle are doing well.
 - Kempsey Common – Cllr Ferguson had inspected the BMX circuit today and confirmed that no further excavations had taken place, there was no litter and the site was tidy. Cllr Michael expressed his concerns regarding accidents and safety concerns. He will seek legal advice regarding the Parish Council's responsibility/liability

Standing Orders were adjourned
A parishioner raised concerns to the extent of liability in general and specifically relating to BMX activity.
Standing Orders were reimposed.

White powder reported on the footpath was found to be flour as a marker indication for orienteers and dog courses.

Kerswell Green – Cllr Dodge reported that the spruce tree had been successfully removed.
Normoor Common – Nothing to report
Stonehall Common- Cllr Waller to inspect 11 tyres dumped on the side of the road at the south end of the road going through Stonehall.
The issue regarding the fencing at the Inn has temporarily been resolved.
Lower Ham – Nothing to report
5. Rights of way and easement policy – Cllr Waller is incorporating comments into the second draft ready to submit to the solicitors at MHDC for comment.
Reference was also made in respect of various points relating to the Caravan Park to raise with MHDC Planners. Cllr Michael to arrange a meeting with MHDC Planners and feedback comments to the committee.

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6. Pollinator Action Plan – To date two volunteers have expressed an interest. The advert will continue to be displayed to see if it attracts any further interest before any actions are carried out.

7. AOB

A parishioner has been successfully awarded from the Woodland Trust under the ‘Queens Commonwealth Canopy’ five saplings (a mix of hazel, rowan and silver birch) and is seeking to donate them due to having little room in her garden and also living in a conservation area. Would the Commons & Hams Committee be interested as part of the ‘Pollinators Project’? Please note this will also be offered to the Church or School who may also be interested.

Meeting Closed 8.55 pm
Sharon Baxter
Clerk

Signed Chairman..... Date

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Standing orders were adjourned for Public Question Time

Parishioner’s comments/questions

The Council should look at byelaw 12 to mark off an area of Kempsey Common to allow recreation purposes.

The spruce tree has been removed from Kerswell Green. Could it be considered that this tree be replaced with one available from the Woodland Trust Queens Commonwealth offer?

Do we have a formal easement policy?

Cllr Waller confirmed he was in the process of devising one to send to the solicitors for legal advice.

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