

MINUTES OF COMMONS & HAMS COMMITTEE
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL
WEDNESDAY 16th JANUARY 2014 at 8.30pm
AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister [Chairman], Bevan, Bowley, Campbell

IN ATTENDANCE: Three Parishioners

1. APOLOGIES: Cllr Rea [MHDC meeting] – accepted

2. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS: None declared

Committee approved temporary adjournment of meeting for Public Questions – see attached notes – following which Standing Orders were reimposed.

3. MINUTES: The minutes of the previous meeting on 16th October 2013 were approved unanimously

4. ASHMOOR COMMON

1. It was agreed to investigate laying hardcore at the entrance to overcome the problems experienced when attempting to load cattle onto trucks last year when the surface was very wet.. Bannister

2. It was agreed to purchase nine head of cattle this year and costs to be investigated for a proposal to be submitted to the February PC meeting. Bannister

3. PC had been advised on 13th January the blockage appeared to have cleared itself - to be confirmed Bowley

5. STONEHALL COMMON

1. Agreed to install 2 gates and culverts to facilitate movement of mowers onto the Common and estimates to be obtained for a proposal to be submitted to the February PC meeting. Bowley

2. Agreed to investigate resurrection of previous mowing arrangements Bowley

6. NORMOOR COMMON

1. Quotation to be sought for ‘refreshment’ of security ditch along the road boundary and replacement of broken posts outside the cottage on the eastern boundary Bowley

2. Deferred to the next meeting

7. KEMPSEY COMMON

1. It was agreed to investigate the suitability of establishing a Management Committee Bowley

It was agreed to write reccommenr to the PC that a strong letter be sent to owners of stock grazing the common to remind them of their responsibilities. Bannister

It was agreed to look into the access problem for pedestrians at the main entrance caused by extreme wet weather. Bannister
2. It was agreed to consult Natural England and our insurers re the potential problems raised during the Public Question time Bowley

8. OTHER ITEMS

All four items were deferred to the next meeting.

The committee approved a motion that the following item be discussed in Confidential Session.

9 INSURANCE CLAIM

It was agreed the Committee would respond to the letter from Allianz Ins regarding their claim in respect of sheep getting from Kempsey Common onto the adjacent land, formerly Allotments, seeking clarification of the basis for their claim and querying their change from the sheep going through the fence to going through an open gate. Once clarification has been obtained a recommended response will be put to the PC. Bannister

Meeting closed approx 9.42pm

R C BOWLEY

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

David & Mrs Morris, William Halford

Reiterated concerns expressed at previous meetings at potential damage to Kempsey Common and danger to walkers resulting from excessive numbers of horses on the common exacerbated by supplementary feeding due to over-grazing at a time when the surface is very wet and soft and subject to poaching and treading by the livestock. They drew attention to the dossier they submitted in support of their contention that supplementary feeding is illegal.

The Committee emphasised the 2006 Commons Act does not prohibit supplementary feeding but agreed to have a further look at their concerns.