

MANAGERS OF STELLING MINNIS COMMON

MINUTES OF MEETING 11th JULY 2012 AT STELLING MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

Present – K Smyth, I Champion, R Griffin, A Barchi, S Chantler, G Baldwin, A Day

Absent – M Hamilton, J Haffenden

1. Apologies – C Gooch
2. Minutes of Meeting 18th April 2012 were agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. Matters Arising:

Rural Payments Agency Inspection – The boundaries of the Minnis have been checked and it was found that the available areas that could receive a grant has reduced by approximately 5% due to movement in boundaries, maintained frontages. This will reduce payments in future years.

Dan Tuson is to report for the next 10 year agreement.

Four oak trees have been planted by the Primary School children and inaugurated by William Trower when he visited Stelling Minnis on the occasion of the Jubilee Celebrations. These are now being cared for by the children under the guidance of IC and KS.

4. Correspondence – none
5. Gate at Duckshill:

Four of the padlocks positioned by IC have so far been cut off. When work was being done by the Council in Sandy Lane, the gate was opened as a goodwill gesture, but has now been padlocked again.

6. Bracken Control:

Alternative methods are being considered to reduce bracken.

7. Reports:

a) Secretary – none

b) Grazing – Stewart Gammon to supply animals as and when required. The cattle are back in the western area and the sheep have been moved to behind Tarn Hows.
Consideration is to be given for grazing the sheep in the fenced areas after the cattle have been removed.

c) Ponds/School Liaison – none

- d) Mowing – to be attended to as soon as the weather is dry. A small amount has already been done already.
 - e) Trees/Scrub/Bird Boxes/Owl Boxes/Surveys – SC to contact Derry Lowe for details/update of dormouse boxes.
8. Press Release – IC to write report re bracken, baling, rubbish etc in August for inclusion in September magazine.
 9. A.O.B.:
It was agreed that as the 10 year Agreement expires in October 2013 and the Fencing agreement in a further 2 years, these items would be put on the Agenda for discussion at the next meeting.
 10. Date and time of next meeting – 17th October 2012 at 7.30pm, Stelling Minnis Village Hall