

MANAGERS OF STELLING MINNIS COMMON

MINUTES OF MEETING 10th JULY 2013 AT STELLING MINNIS VILLAGE HALL

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

1. Apologies – C Gooch
2. Minutes of Meeting 17th April 2013 were agreed and signed by the chairman.
3. Matters Arising:
 - a) Faversham Horse Society Orienteering – KS and IC met and agreed a route, mainly road with small section close to the Lowe's where they would be just walking.
 - b) HLS Scheme application – still ongoing. CG has requested that William Trower to sign before the cut off date for applications.
 - c) Open Meeting to answer locals questions/misunderstandings – it was proposed and agreed that Dan Tuson be asked to attend in the autumn, subject to his availability, to give a talk/resume on progress in the last 10 years and future plans. It was also suggested that to make the event more friendly/convivial as had been found with recent Parish Meetings, that wine and nibbles should be provided – all agreed.
4. Correspondence: AD to send letter to CG re Registering Agricultural Waste Exemptions
5. Walk-about to identify areas for clearing by FOSM work parties: three areas were noted –
 - a) East Paddock - clearing of saplings
 - b) Bossingham Road – towards Ivy House
 - c) Area A Barchi's to Solleys, adjacent to the field used for the Windmill Fete
6. Reports:
 - a) Secretary – see Correspondence above
 - b) Grazing – more cattle to moved into the area west of Bossingham Road. Because of the ever growing encroachment of bracken, which due to weather conditions seems to be worse this year, it was decided to purchase a roller which could be used this year and for future years for the rolling/crushing of bracken.
 - c) Ponds/School Liaison – AB reported that the headmaster, John Gray, was proposing to tape an area of the Minnis for the children to research, the tape to be removed afterwards and a different area to be taped/researched next time.
 - d) Mowing – some mowing has been done and some hay made and 25 bales sold for £50, the money having been given to FOSM, more mowing and hay baling to be done during the next few days subject to weather conditions.
 - e) Trees/Scrub/Bird Boxes/Owl Boxes/Surveys – Derry Lowe and Wendy have reported that more dormice have been found and she will show SC where the bird boxes etc are installed.

7. Press Release: To celebrate 10 years of the HLS Scheme an open meeting will be held in the autumn, date to be announced. Also the reporting of further dormice on the Minnis.
8. AOB: AD reported that she was expecting a meeting with John Lindop from UK Power Networks to cut back Ash tree branches which were obstructing power lines close to her property, also ivy clad post carrying power and telephone lines. IC confirmed that he had signed agreement for them to cut back vegetation as necessary.
9. Date and time of future meetings – 7.30pm, Stelling Minnis Village Hall on 9th October and 15th January 2014