

MEETING OF MANAGERS OF STELLING MINNIS COMMON

Date: 8th July 2015

Held at: Stelling Minnis Village Hall

Present: K Smyth (Chairman), I Champion, S Chantler, R Griffin, A Day, G Baldwin.

Attendees: J Haffenden.

	Action
<p><u>Apologies</u></p> <p>M Hamilton, C Gooch, D Cripps</p>	
<p><u>Minutes of last AGM</u></p> <p>Approved and signed by Chairman</p>	
<p><u>Matters Arising</u></p> <p>MH will look at obtaining competitive insurance quotes for next year. AD passed current details to MH.</p>	MH
<p><u>Correspondence</u></p> <p>AD submitted:-</p> <p>1) Q. It was noted in previous minutes that Oaks would not be cleared. A. This was an error in the minutes which should have read "following advice from Natural England only specimen Oaks that had a reasonable chance of survival would be left".</p> <p>2) Q. A member of the public had had a "near miss" from a falling tree whilst walking through the "felling area". A. This had been reported by the contractor who stated that the individual removed the barrier tape to gain access and that he had stopped work to prevent an accident occurring.</p> <p>3) Q. When would the surfaces in the gateways be improved. A. This is on our work agenda and should be completed before the winter.</p> <p>4) Q. Why are we not using Highland cattle to graze the Minnis. A. There are two Highland and four Highland cross, all well suited for the purpose of grazing.</p>	KS
<p><u>Reports</u></p> <p>Grazing. IC confirmed grazing will continue in selected areas and will reduce the areas where we need to take off hay. IC submitted a proposal to engage a contractor to "stump grind" all outstanding stumps in cleared areas. He also confirmed that he will</p>	

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<p>continue to offer this service FOC on future clearances. All thanked him for the offer and the request was approved and would be submitted to the Charitable Trust for financial approval.</p> <p>Mowing and Bracken Bruising. KS confirmed this will also continue during the summer months and is proving to be successful.</p>	
<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Nil return</p>	
<p><u>Date and Time of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>Next meeting 7th October 2015 at 7.30pm Stelling Minnis Village Hall</p>	