PRESENT:

Mr Dominic May

Official Verderer

Mr R Deakin

Elected Verderer & Staff Committee Chairman

Mr A B Dowsett

Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer

Mr J Greenwood

Elected Verderer

Mr E Heron

National Park Appointed Verderer (from 8357)

Miss D Macnair MBE Mr G M H Mills

Senior Elected Verderer **DEFRA Appointed Verderer**

Mr A H Pasmore Mr D Readhead

Elected Verderer Elected Verderer

Mrs D Westerhoff

Natural England Appointed Verderer

IN ATTENDANCE:

Miss S Westwood

Clerk to the Verderers

APOLOGIES:

Mr Jonathan Gerrelli

Head Agister

IN COMMITTEE in the Library

2015/8354 WELCOME TO ELECTED VERDERERS

DISCHARGE

The Official Verderer welcomed Mr Greenwood to the Court and welcomed Mr Pasmore back to the Court.

He went on to praise the members of the Court as a whole for all the work they undertake as a result of diverse and active interests in the management of the Forest. He added that he believes that the reason the election was not contested is not lack of interest, but because commoners are happy with the current administration.

2015/8355

MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

RESUME

The Minutes of the Court held on 18th November were approved and signed.

2015/8356

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

RESUME

The Official Verderer, and Elected Verderers Mr Deakin, Mr Greenwood, Miss Macnair and Mr Readhead all declared an interest in the New Forest Higher Level Stewardship Scheme, the Verderers Grazing Scheme, and the new Basic Payment Scheme. Mr Pasmore declared an interest in the new Basic Payment Scheme.

Miss Macnair is a member of the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society Council.

Mr Deakin, Mr Readhead and Mr Greenwood are members of the New Forest Commoners' Defence Association committee. Mr Deakin is also Treasurer.

Mr Dowsett is a Forestry Commission Volunteer Ranger.

Mr Deakin and Mr Readhead are members of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate.

Mr Greenwood is employed part-time by Cadland Estate and therefore has an interest in the Stallion Grazing. Mr Greenwood also has a stallion of his own.

Mr Deakin and Mr Readhead are Directors of the New Forest Livestock Society.

Mrs Westerhoff is a tenant of the Forestry Commission.

Cllr Heron declared his membership of Hampshire County Council, New Forest District Council and the New Forest National Park Authority. He will declare any additional interests that may arise during the course of the meeting at the item.

Mr Mills advised the Court that he owns a commercial riding establishment at Bagnum.

2015/8357 CONDITION OF STOCK

RESUME

In the absence of the Head Agister, Mr Deakin gave a report on the condition of stock.

Ponies are looking extremely good. Whilst it is relatively easy to spot mares with foals as they are not quite so fat, all the ponies look well. There have been a few deaths attributed to acorn poisoning but not as many as expected because the mild wet weather has meant the grass is continuing to grow, giving stock an alternative food supply.

The cattle are also generally in good condition but one or two which were found to be going back in condition have been removed. Commoners whose holdings are situated outside the Forest are sometimes reluctant to move their cattle home as a result of the more stringent TB testing regime required under the TB Plan for the New Forest.

In response to a complaint about some reportedly hungry cattle at Highland Water/Acres Down, Mr Deakin pointed out that whilst they may well be hungry, the relevant question is 'are the cattle in an acceptable condition?'. If they are, then they may remain on the Forest. If not, they must be removed. Most cattle are now 'in' or being fed. The Agister will be asked to go and look at the cattle which are the subject of the complaint.

Action AN

Miss Macnair remarked that she has noticed a number of old mares refusing to feed their foals. Those foals will lose condition very quickly if the weather changes. She added the owners must be made aware and the foals need watching. The problem is due to more foals being left on mares this year as replacements for older animals combined with the poor market for colt foals.

2015/8358 CATTLE AND TB

RESUME

Three cattle owners have animals with inconclusive TB Test results. The animals concerned have been isolated. One commoner unfortunately let the rest of his herd back out when in fact he should have contacted Animal Health and asked them to undertake a risk assessment of his holding and animals as per the TB Plan. It is felt the TB plan could be clearer in this respect. Mr Mills offered to check the Plan to see if it can be revised to make sure the system required to be followed in such situations is unequivocal.

Action HM

The Verderers do have the authority to inspect holdings on an ad-hoc basis.

2015/8359 USE OF IVERMECTIN ON THE NEW FOREST

DISCHARGE

A complaint has been received from a commoner that as a result of the ban on the use of ivermectin on Forest run stock, he lost a pony which suffered an excessive bot burden. It was pointed out that there is nothing to prevent a commoner using ivermectin providing he removes his stock from the Forest prior to worming and retains them post-worming on his holding for a minimum of two weeks, after which time he can turn them back out.

2015/8360 WELFARE TOUR

DISCHARGE

Mr Deakin reported on the Welfare Tour which was held on Friday 11th December.

The tour went well and a large number of animals were seen. The feedback from the welfare societies in attendance was positive. As always, Mr Deakin did stress that people should expect ponies to come out of the winter a little leaner.

During the Welfare Tour, Miss Macnair made a plea for more breeding in order to maintain the diversity of bloodlines. Significantly, her suggestion was met with silence from the representatives of the welfare societies. Mr Deakin said he tested the water later with one or two welfare body representatives and it is clear that whilst they recognise the problem with declining bloodline diversity, they are very nervous of overbreeding. There are too many equines in the country and they are frightened of increased breeding. All accepted it is a real dilemma.

2015/8361 REPORT ON ANIMALS REMOVED FROM THE FOREST

Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys on the Commons

Total Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys

Total Stock - Forest & Commons

RESUME

This very useful report had been circulated prior to the Court.

2015/8362 STOCK DEATHS - OTHER THAN ROAD TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS

RESUME

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2015/8364 BYELAW ENFORCEMENT

RESUME

A number of unmarked and unrung pigs were turned out on the common. The Agister asked for them to be regularised. Unfortunately the commoner concerned declined to heed the Agister's requests and therefore a formal Notice under the Byelaws was issued by the office. The commoner swiftly complied and the pigs are now legal.

ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT

2015/8365 THE ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

The Agisters attended 21 accidents in November, compared to 25 in November last year.

9 animals were killed and 5 injured making a total killed and injured 14, compared with 17 in the previous year.

1 accident occurred in daylight, 6 at twilight and 14 in the dark. 2 accidents were not reported.

The total killed and injured for the year to date is 71 compared with 80 at the same date last year.

THE SPEED CAMERA VAN

In November 467 drivers were caught speeding on the Open Forest roads and another 381 were caught on fenced roads in and around the Forest, making a total of 848 for the month. The Court felt it is a shame that the numbers caught are not decreasing. The Clerk remarked that the van driver is very good at moving when he finds the numbers he is catching at a particular site start to decrease. It was suggested the reduction may be due to motorists learning where the van is likely to be. The Clerk said that is why the driver moves; his aim being to improve road safety and reduce accidents and so he moves to cover roads where he thinks drivers may speed. Cllr Heron said he is trying to get Hampshire Police to patrol the B3078 between the hours of 22:00 hrs and 23:00 hrs.

A discussion also took place about the possibility of introducing average speed cameras in the Forest. The Court hopes that one day the technology and Police resources will make this possible.

The Deputy Surveyor, Mr Bruce Rothnie and the Land Agent for the New Forest, Mr Paul Grugeon joined the meeting, together with Mr Laurence Platt, Assistant Land Agent

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES OF THE LAST COURT AND PREVIOUS COURTS OF CONCERN TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2015/8366 SLIPPERY SURFACES ON FORESTRY COMMISSION BRIDGES

DISCHARGE

The Deputy Surveyor advised the Court that work to resolve the problem of slippery surfaces on Forestry Commission bridges is taking place. New screw on anti-slip sheets are being added in place of the previously used felt which is not so robust. Those bridges which regularly carry cyclists and horse-riders are being targeted as the most important. The DS offered to produce a list to hand to the Clerk of the bridges that have been completed. He explained it will be a rolling programme to ensure that all the bridges that need anti-slip treatment will receive it.

Action DS

| 2015/8367 | NETWORK RAIL BRIDGES | RESUME February |
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| | Hampshire County Council has become tired of arguing with Network Rail about who is responsible for the bridge decks and therefore the slippery surfaces. In order to move the matter forward, HCC has decided to pay for the work to be done and then argue the question of responsibility with Network Rail afterwards. | 2016 |
| | Mr Pasmore expressed the view that where there is a public right of way over a bridge, HCC is responsible for maintaining it. The Clerk asked whether more recent legislation would overrule the indenture which permitted land to be taken from the Crown Lands of the New Forest for the railway. This is a question which has not yet been considered. | |
| | The Deputy Surveyor will write to the County Council offering the Forestry Commission's support. | Action DS |
| 2015/8368 | VERGE RESTORATION PROJECT | RESUME |
| | The Official Verderer and Mr Dowsett met Gary North from the Forestry Commission at Hatchet Gate & East Boldre. They visited areas in the location where verge restoration is needed and is likely to be non-controversial. | Action GN |
| | Several maps of areas where Mr North has identified car-free ditching is required were circulated. The Court agreed that Mr North should be asked to choose the areas between Boltons Bench and Shatterford where ditches will be beneficial to stop verge parking and undertake the necessary works. The same criteria will then be applied to the other areas. | Action GN |
| | Verge protection in more controversial locations such as those within village centres, will be dealt with separately and it is understood the National Park Authority is able to help with this consultation via its Quadrant meetings with the Parish Councils. Mr Dowsett will follow this up with the NPA. Mr Pasmore said he hoped the National Trust Commons can be included but it was pointed out that the NT has its own HLS scheme which would fund that work. | Action BD |
| | In the meantime, the Official Verderer asked members of the Court to read and act on the note sent round by the Clerk asking for suggestions for areas where verge restoration is required. The areas should be split into a list of those which should be non-controversial and those where negotiation with Parish Councils will be required. Lists should be provided to the Clerk as soon as possible. | Action All |
| 2015/8369 | ROAD HAUNCH REPAIRS, BROOMY PLAIN ROAD AND HOLMSLEY PASSAGE | RESUME |
| | Cllr Heron reported that he is pursuing all these matters with the County Council. Firstly, however, he is trying to get a draft of the Maintenance Plan and Specification for Routine Highway Operations to the Court for approval in January. This document has been in draft for many years and it is hoped it can finally be agreed. | Action EH |

2015/8370 WESTERN ESCARPMENT CONSERVATION AREA VERGE DISCHARGE RESTORATION

Mr Dowsett explained the history of the project for the benefit of Mr Greenwood and Mr Pasmore.

As respects Woodgreen, the maps and work plan will go to the Parish Council Meeting in January for approval. Once approval has been given, Gary North will commence the works.

The Deputy Surveyor was asked to check the finances in respect of this project.

2015/8371 NEW GRAVEL OPPOSITE EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE SHOP

DISCHARGE

The Forestry Commission did not give consent for the gravel that has appeared in a heap, together with several cones. After some discussion it was agreed the gravel should be spread by the Forestry Commission and the cones removed. The future of the layby will be discussed as part of the verge restoration project for East Boldre.

2015/8372 NARROWING OF FOREST TRACKS

DISCHARGE

Work on tracks which have gradually widened is on Gary North's list of works to be carried out.

2015/8373 NOS. 1 & 2 FOX COTTAGES

RESUME February

The issue of how to deal with the excessively wide track is ongoing. Meanwhile Mr Steve Avery, Executive Director, Strategy and Planning, for the New Forest National Park Authority has confirmed by email to the Clerk that conditions will be imposed on planning consents granted for development within/surrounded by the SSSI.

Action PG

2016

2015/8374 NO. 3 FOX COTTAGES AND BULL HILL HOUSE

RESUME February

The parking of vehicles on the Open Forest outside these properties needs regularising. The Forestry Commission was asked to bring proposals to the Court for consideration.

Action PG

2016

As respects parking on the Open Forest outside properties, applications will be considered on an individual basis. Some properties have room for parking within the curtilage and therefore parking on the Forest will not be approved.

2015/8375 CASTLE HILL RESURFACING

RESUME February 2016

Mr Grugeon and Mr Wilson visited Castle Hill. A full report will be provided at the February Court.

Action PG

2015/8376 PEA SHINGLE OUTSIDE THE CLOUD HOTEL

RESUME February 2016

Action

PG

There is now some doubt as to whether it is pea shingle outside the Cloud Hotel or gravel of a slightly larger grade. Either way, it is not consistent with the agreed resurfacing material for use on the Forest, i.e. hoggin gravel. The other problem at the Cloud is that it has not yet been possible to identify who laid the gravel.

2015/8377 WORDING OF THE 'NO CYCLING FROM CAR PARKS' SIGNS

RESUME

Under the HLS project, the wording was agreed. The signs were to say: 'No Forest Cycling from this Car Park'. The text has, however, been altered without agreement and now says 'No Access to Cycle Network'. This replacement wording is not felt to be strong enough. The Deputy Surveyor asked if the Court would agree to the current wording being left in place with counters installed to check on the measure of success of the signs. Once some data has been obtained, the matter can be discussed further. The Court was not, however, minded to agree to this and the Deputy Surveyor therefore said he will see what can be done to change the signs.

Action DS

In addition, it was pointed out that in Gorley Bushes Car Park, signs are required to ensure that cyclists are aware that whilst one access leads to the waymarked cycle route, the other does not and must not be used. The Deputy Surveyor undertook to place a "No Forest Cycling" sign to discourage cycling across Fritham Plain.

2015/8378 RECREATIONAL EVENTS

RESUME February

Mrs Westerhoff has received some information from Natural England however she has not yet had the opportunity to study it in detail. Mrs Westerhoff asked for this item to be resumed at the February Court.

DW

2016

Mrs Jenny Thomas from Natural England is currently reviewing the Waymarked Cycle Network which it appears has never received Natural England's consent.

SSSI RESTORATION WORKS

2015/8379 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE LIST

RESUME

The Deputy Surveyor provided an updated Repair and Maintenance list.

The Official Verderer asked that Milestone Bridge be added. The Deputy Surveyor agreed to ensure that is done.

Action DS

2015/8380 PONDHEAD

RESUME

It is felt a summary of the information contained in the proposals would assist the planning committee. This will be prepared.

Action DS

2015/8381

SOLDIERS BOG

DISCHARGE

The small pine which remains and needs to be cleared will be included in the Open Forest Advisory Committee (OFAC) programme.

Action DS

2015/8382 CORBETS HAT MIRE

DISCHARGE

The Official Verderer, Mr Richard Stride and Mrs Westerhoff met with Nick Wardlaw of the FC. The crossing point has been made wider than the agreed specification, but it is not now appropriate to rework it. However, some means of preventing vehicular access is required and it was agreed that 2 large stakes should be driven in on the north (Acres Down) side. This should be added to the Repair and Maintenance List.

Action DS

2015/8383 COWLEYS HEATH

DISCHARGE

The Deputy Surveyor explained that the weather conditions stopped any further works but he confirmed that all the work that was agreed will be completed.

The removal of seedling fir has been separated and is in a different programme.

The Court's biggest concern is that the cut timber that should have been burned has just been left and the area looks a mess. Mr Deakin suggested at the Kings Copse area of Cowleys, the wood should be collected up now and burnt as it can be done by hand. The Deputy Surveyor will include this on the Repair and Maintenance List.

Action DS

2015/8384 BRICK KILN MIRE

DISCHARGE

The proposed restoration works on this mire, written details of which were provided to the Court, were agreed. However work will be needed on the ride which will be used to access the area and that has not been included. The ride is a useful access for stock welfare.

2015/8385

BROOMY BOTTOM MIRE

DISCHARGE

The proposed restoration works on this mire, written details of which were provided to the Court, were agreed.

2015/8386

SUBURBS WOOD MIRE

RESUME February

Scrub clearance has already been agreed.

Mr Pasmore raised concerns that the proposed works may result in the eventual loss of the lawn. Mrs Westerhoff and Mr Deakin, however, felt the works will improve the out of bank flooding by helping water return to the watercourse quicker. Mr Pasmore said he felt in time the water course will silt up resulting in the lawn being almost permanently flooded.

In view of the differences of opinion, it was agreed to defer a decision on this project and ask for a new site visit to be arranged in early January.

A discussion took place on how these proposals should be managed as representatives of the Court had attended the original site meeting and were content with the works. Objections had been raised by Mr Pasmore who did not attend the meeting. On this occasion, because the papers were circulated fairly late, the two new members of the Court had not had the opportunity to visit the site themselves. This should not be a problem in the future. The Deputy Surveyor said the Forestry Commission will be pleased to organise a second visit in order to assist those who were unable to attend the first meeting to understand the proposals.

Action DS

2015/8387 ALUM GREEN

DISCHARGE

The proposed restoration works at Alum Green, written details of which were provided to the Court, were agreed.

ENCROACHMENTS

2015/8388 ENCROACHMENTS LIST

RESUME

An updated list was circulated and reports received on the outstanding items.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS OF CONCERN TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2015/8389 CLEAN FOR THE QUEEN

RESUME

This is a nationwide litter pick which will take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th March. The Official Verderer wants to promote a Forest-wide litter pick, and suggested that all of the recreational groups such as the model aircraft club, fishermen, New Forest Dog, Cricket and Golf Clubs, all of which use the Forest, should join in as well as the Commoners' Defence Association.

The National Park Authority could be asked to co-ordinate the event.

Action DS

The Deputy Surveyor felt this is a great idea. He said he has a liaison meeting with the National Park Authority and District Council tomorrow and it is on their agenda.

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Mr Greenwood said a longer term commitment to keep the Forest tidy would be good. Cllr Heron pointed out that a lot of the Parish Council's have a litter pick each year.

The Official Verderer will write to The Queen to advise Her Majesty that the initiative is being promoted in her New Forest by the Forest authorities.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS OF CONCERN TO THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2015/8390 GRASS AREA OPPOSITE LITTLE HAY, BURLEY

RESUME February

It was reported that the area of grass outside this property is now badly damaged. Water cannot get away making it very muddy. Riders ride across the grass after the property owners complained about ridden horses eroding the track.

At the same time, a suggestion was made that in view of the recent discussions about trying to reduce parking on the Forest, consideration could be given as to whether the parking outside Little Hay could be reduced in size. The Forestry Commission agreed to consider whether reconfiguring the layby to create a passing place only with the remainder of the area being allowed to return to grazing is a possibility.

Action PG

2015/8391

BOURNEMOUTH WATER COMPANY WORKS IN THE AREA AROUND DISCHARGE BRAMSHAW TELEGRAPH

A Water Company vehicle and trailer and a mini-digger has been seen in two places close to Bramshaw Telegraph. It was queried whether the Water Company has consent for the works being carried out. It was seen between Bramshaw Telegraph and the Pound Bottom landfill site and a few days later at Clay Pits Bottom which is on the Brook side of Bramshaw Telegraph. Mr Grugeon will investigate and ensure that the Water Company is working in accordance within the Forestry Commissions agreed terms and conditions.

Action PG

2015/8392 WHISPER QUIET ROAD SURFACES

DISCHARGE

Mr Mills reported that at a recent meeting of the Access Forum, Hampshire County Council said that wherever possible, whisper quiet road surfaces will in future be used on trunk roads. Mr Mills felt that Hampshire Highways should be encouraged to lay whisper quiet surfaces in the Forest, particularly as the Tranquility Map has identified the roads as being responsible for the biggest negative impact on tranquillity.

Action EH

2015/8393

THE ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE, HILL TOP, BEAULIEU

DISCHARGE

Mr Deakin thanked the Forestry Commission for its prompt action in removing the porch that the new Landlady of the Royal Oak at Hill Top was having constructed at the front of the pub. It seems the Landlady was unaware that the pub car park belongs to the Forestry Commission and she immediately arranged for the partly built porch to be removed.

2015/8394

JOY RIDERS

DISCHARGE

Unfortunately joy riders have accessed the Forest at Slufters, breaking the gate in the process. Bolderwood is another area where there is evidence of 'donuts'. The Court requested the Forestry Commission works with the Police to prevent a recurrence. It is understood such behaviour has been successfully stopped in the past.

Action DS

Mr Dowsett reported that the avenue between Godshill Wood and Castle Top is another area where vehicle trespass is a problem. The Deputy Surveyor promised to follow up these reports. He added that vandalism to parking meters in some car parks is also a problem that the Forestry Commission is doing its best to address.

2015/8395

VERGE PARKING OUTSIDE THE ROYAL OAK PUBLIC HOUSE AT DISCHARGE FRITHAM

Cllr Heron raised the ongoing problem of illegal parking creating significant damage to the verges in the vicinity of the Royal Oak at Fritham. This is a long standing problem which does need to be resolved. The pub has plenty of its own land that could be used for parking and the Court felt the Planning Authority should look sympathetically at an application for parking on the pub's private land.

Action EH

2015/8396

DAMAGE TO THE FOREST CAUSED BY SOME HOLLY CUTTERS

DISCHARGE

Mr Pasmore is concerned at the damage caused by holly cutters driving their vehicles round the barriers at Homey Ridge and Telegraph and all over Fritham Plain.

The Deputy Surveyor promised to take up this matter with those who are responsible for the damage.

Action DS

2015/8397

RUBBISH AT SLODEN WOOD

DISCHARGE

Discarded string, drinks cans and plastic wire carriers have been left lying around and the area is a mess. The Deputy Surveyor said he will follow this up and ensure the rubbish is removed.

Action DS

2015/8398 SCHOOLING HORSES ON THE OPEN FOREST

DISCHARGE

Mr Grugeon reported that horse-riders have been schooling on Bartley and Cadnam Cricket Pitches. It is causing damage to the cricket pitches. Mr Grugeon asked that, if anyone knows who is responsible, they are asked to desist.

Action All as appropriate

2015/8399 BRAMSHAW GOLF CLUB NEW SIGNAGE

DISCHARGE

As a result of a Health and Safety Review, Bramshaw Golf Club has requested permission to erect a number of signs at various entrances to the course. The signs are to warn members of the public of the presence of the golf course.

Mr Grugeon asked if Mr Readhead could meet him at the Golf Club to discuss what might be acceptable to the Court. There were, however, concerns regarding this proposal. The Golf Club operates by licence and it was felt golfers should not take precedence over other Forest users. The players should be taking care to avoid conflicts with the general public rather than the other way round. There were also concerns about a precedent being set.

Mr Grugeon was asked to come back to the Court with a proposal if the Golf Club still wishes to take the idea forward.

The Deputy Surveyor, Land Agent and Assistant Land Agent left the meeting.

OTHER MATTERS ARISING

2015/8400 AGISTERS' LANDROVERS

RESUME

Action

DR

The Official Verderer has signed the order for the new Land Rovers which will be provided on a lease hire basis. Delivery is expected in January.

OTHER AGENDA ITEMS

2015/8401 NEW FOREST NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY MANAGEMENT PLAN DISCHARGE AND NEW FOREST DISTRICT COUNCIL PLANNING

The National Park Authority will seek to maintain the current level of back up grazing and increase back up grazing on suitable available publicly owned land.

New Forest District Council and the National Park Authority will also be reviewing the provision of housing and it is understood both authorities are required to identify additional sites to satisfy the requirement for more housing.

2015/8402 INDEX OF THE VERDERERS COURT MINUTES

DISCHARGE

Action

AHP/Clerk

It was agreed that the index produced by Mr Pasmore will be made available to the Christopher Tower Library and possibly the Hampshire Record Office.

2015/8403 VERDERERS REPRESENTATION ON EXTERNAL COMMITTEES

DISCHARGE

The list has been reviewed.

2015/8404 ANIMAL ACCIDENT 'ADVERT' ON THE NEW FOREST TOUR BUS 2016 DISCHARGE

The expenditure of £1,000 was approved for the coming year.

Action Clerk

ENCROACHMENTS

2015/8405 CONCRETED ENTRANCE AT MINSTEAD

DISCHARGE

Mrs Westerhoff reported that the New Forest National Park planning department do not feel the concreting requires planning consent. The original entrance was concrete and so the planners considered the new concrete to be repair and maintenance of an existing surface.

MATTERS ARISING FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

2015/8406 THE EQUINE FORUM AND NEW FOREST PONY BREEDING AND DISCHARGE CATTLE SOCIETY

Reports were received from Miss Macnair who attended recent meetings of the Equine Forum and the New Forest Pony Breeding and Cattle Society. At the latter, it was confirmed that the new Central Equine Passport Database should be operational by March. Current passports will have to be revised in January.

VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME (VGS)

2015/8407 VGS PAYMENTS

DISCHARGE

The payments will be made in the next few days to commoners who pay marking fees at the Forest rate.

FINANCIAL MATTERS

2015/8408 FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR NOVEMBER 2015

RESUME

The Financial Statement was noted.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 13:40 hrs.

Donnie May Official Verderer 13th January 2016