

**MINUTES of the Court of Verderers held on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 2018 at 9.30 a.m. in the Verderers' Hall and the Library, the Queen's House, Lyndhurst.**

PRESENT:	Lord Manners	Official Verderer
	Mr R Deakin	Elected Verderer & Staff Committee Chairman
	Mr A B Dowsett	Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer
	Cllr Edward Heron	National Park Appointed Verderer
	Mr J Greenwood	Elected Verderer
	Miss D Macnair MBE	Senior Elected Verderer
	Mr G M H Mills DL	DEFRA Appointed Verderer
	Mr D Readhead	Elected Verderer
	Mrs D Westerhoff	Natural England Appointed Verderer

APOLOGIES:	Mr A H Pasmore	Elected Verderer
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IN ATTENDANCE:	Miss S Westwood	Clerk to the Verderers
	Mr J R Gerrelli	Head Agister

**IN COMMITTEE in the Library**

2018/10082	MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING	RESUME
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The Minutes of Court held on Wednesday, 19<sup>th</sup> September were approved and signed.

2018/10083	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	RESUME
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From now on, all declarations of interest can be found on the Verderers' website – <a href="http://www.verderers.org.uk">www.verderers.org.uk</a>	Action Clerk
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2018/10084	CONDITION OF STOCK	RESUME
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The Head Agister reported that the drift season is nearly over. Overall the condition of the stock which has been caught is really good and the Head Agister said that he is very pleased.

Mares with foals are not looking quite so good. The foals all look well but some of the older mares have lost condition. The owners are taking them home.

There are quite a few pigs out this season. There are more cattle on the Forest than usual for this time of year, probably as a result of there being quite a lot of food still on the Forest and the fact that the winter fodder situation looks like it will be difficult due to the unusually dry summer. There have been a few casualties, both ponies and cattle, which are thought to be the result of eating acorns. A lot of the cattle look really well but one or two are going back and will be removed from the Forest.

The weather is still warm and there is a good bit of grass left out on the Forest.	Action Clerk
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The Head Agister went on to say he thinks there were approximately 414 foals born on the Forest this year, including a few which were sired 'off' the Forest. About 12 – 15 foals died unexpectedly early in the summer, the reasons for which are unknown. There are fewer foals than last year but one stallion was only out for a week as he was injured. Last year's foal count was higher but that may have been unusual. The general view at the last Beaulieu Road Sales was that more foals are not needed and so no more stallions should be turned out. Miss Macnair, however, disagreed

and said that to maintain fertility at least 1 stallion is needed for every 30 mares. The Court felt that whilst that may be so, the Forest cannot afford to have too many stallions out because there is no market for the foals. It is reported that on Dartmoor, unsold foals have been humanely destroyed. The lack of hay this year is felt to have made a difference to the prices attained at the sale and the ability of commoners to sell their foals.

2018/10085 MICROCHIPPING & PASSPORTING OF FOALS

DISCHARGE

The law on identification of equines has recently changed. As from 1<sup>st</sup> October no foals can go to the sales without having first been microchipped and a passport issued. DEFRA has now recognised the problem that this is causing certain semi-feral breeds but it is too late to agree a derogation for this year's sales.

The Head Agister said that following the news about the change in the law, a microchipping day was swiftly organised. 37 foals were chipped. The Head Agister thanked the Livestock Society for its hard work in arranging the day.

Mr Readhead said he hopes approval can be obtained before next spring, for the procedure which has been working well in the Forest. Under that procedure foals were allowed to be brought to the sale un-chipped, and then microchipped before leaving the sale yard with a completed passport application and registration document. The full passport then followed within 10 days. Mr Readhead said the New Forest Livestock Society is consulting with Dartmoor and some of the other areas which have semi-feral herds and DEFRA.

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2018/10086 WELFARE TOUR OF THE FOREST

The Welfare Tour will be on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

2018/10087 REPORT ON MARKING FEES RECEIVED TO DATE AND COMPARISON WITH PREVIOUS YEAR

RESUME

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
Forest Ponies	4918	4730
Forest Cattle	4771	4949
Forest Donkeys	124	108
Forest Pigs	183	4
Forest Sheep	0	0
Total Forest Stock	9996	9791
Common Ponies	761	814
Common Cattle	1660	1231
Common Donkeys	124	124
Common Pigs	76	57
Common Sheep	213	244
Total Common Stock	2834	2470
Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys on the Forest	9813	9787
Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys on the Commons	2545	2169
Total Ponies, Cattle & Donkeys	12358	11956
Total Stock – Forest & Commons	12830	12261

The Head Agister said that cattle are still being marked for 2018.

2018/10088 ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECISIONS

RESUME

The Announcements and Decisions were approved.

**OPEN COURT – 10.00 a.m.**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bruce Rothnie, Deputy Surveyor  
Mr Paul Grugeon, Land Agent (New Forest)

**The Head Agister opened the Court with the usual proclamation.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & DECISIONS BY THE OFFICIAL VERDERER**

2018/10089 BOVINE TB MOVEMENT LICENCE

The TB movement licence to allow exemption from pre-movement testing requirements for Forest cattle movements onto and off the Forest was renewed as from 1 July 2018. It is valid for one year.

It is a condition of the licence that all cattle within the Forest herd are TB tested between 1st October and 31st January. This, therefore, is an appropriate moment to remind all commoners who depasture cattle on the Forest of the importance of complying with the Verderers' TB control plan, a copy of which is available on our website.

The principle underpinning the plan is to (1) test to ensure that the Forest herd is free of TB and (2) then give the entire Forest herd, a "hard outer shell". The 'hard outer shell' is not a physical/geographical barrier but measures put in place to try to prevent the entry of TB infection into the cattle of the Forest Herd.

A particular and key requirement of the plan is that before they are allowed to mix with the Forest herd (including those on the home premises), all cattle that are brought in from outside the Forest are required to be isolated for 60 days after they arrive on the home premises. They must then be post-movement tested. 60 days' isolation is required to ensure that any cattle that may have been infected after being pre-movement tested clear on the farm of origin, have time to develop TB sufficiently to react to the post-movement TB skin test.

The effectiveness of the plan relies on everyone maintaining the hard outer shell. If individuals do not comply with the plan, they will risk bringing TB into the Forest. That will result in much tighter controls over the movement of cattle in the Forest and will be disastrous for many commoners' livelihoods.

The Agisters have been reminded that if any breach of the TB rules comes to their attention it is to be reported to the Verderers immediately.

2018/10090 VERDERERS' ELECTION

I would just like to remind everyone that there is an election of two Verderers next month. As I announced at the last Court, nominations for candidates are required by noon on Tuesday, the 6th November. Nominations forms must be delivered to the Office of the Returning Officer, Mrs Rachel Brooks, at the Under Sheriff's Office in Romsey. If you wish to stand for election, you must not miss this deadline.

**2018/10091 NATIONAL GRID'S PROPOSALS FOR UNDERGROUNDING THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN THE NORTH OF THE FOREST**

At our last Court, Peter Gear, a resident of Hale, made a further presentment about the National Grid's proposals for under grounding the high-voltage power lines which cross the north of the Forest.

In his presentment he suggested the Court has sufficient information to refuse consent for this project now.

Whilst the Verderers continue to be represented on one of the Stakeholder groups liaising with National Grid on this proposal, the Verderers have still not yet received a formal, detailed, application for consideration.

As I have said before, the Verderers support in principle, proposals which result in placing unsightly and intrusive cables underground. The Court looks carefully at all proposals and often makes observations and indeed expresses reservations about the detail. Its consent for this very large project, therefore, should by no means be taken for granted, nor indeed is National Grid so doing.

The Verderers continue to participate in discussions about this proposal and will continue to listen carefully to what is said, both in favour of and against the project. It is of course open to both supporters and objectors to make presentments to this Court if they wish to do so.

The Court's view remains that it should not say whether or not it approves this project until it has received and considered a formal, detailed, application. We anticipate that this will be if and when there is an application for planning permission.

**2018/10092 BRIAN INGRAM**

The Official Verderer wished former Head Agister, Brian Ingram, a happy 80th birthday. Mr Ingram thanked the Official Verderer and everyone present responded with loud applause!

**ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT**

**2018/10093 THE ANIMAL ACCIDENT REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER 2018**

The Agisters attended 16 accidents in September. This compares with 12 accidents in the same period last year.

4 ponies, 1 cow and 3 pigs were killed. 1 cow and 1 pig were injured. 1 cow and 1 donkey were uninjured and 4 animals reported to have been involved in accidents could not be found.

8 accidents occurred in daylight, 2 at twilight and 6 in the dark.

2 motorists were known to be local.

5 accidents were not reported by the driver involved.

The total number of commoners' animals killed and injured to the end of September 2018 is 58 compared with 48 in the same period last year.

## PRESENTMENTS

2018/10094 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT  
Presentment by Mrs Mary Gray

Mrs Gray commented how upset she is to hear of the increase in animal accidents and mentioned the Roger Penny Way which sees a high number. Mrs Gray asked if there is any news of a 30 mph speed limit being introduced in the Forest.

2018/10095 LOCAL PLANS  
Presentment by Mrs Gale Gould Vice Chair of the New Forest Association

New Forest District Council's Local Plan aims to build 10500 homes over ten years. In their own summary they admit this is 3 to 4 times their current development rate. 13 of 20 of their proposed strategic development sites are on Green Belt.

This will increase the population in the district and park by roughly 7 times that of Lyndhurst. One of these "Lyndhursts" will be an entire new village at Fawley, which will increase the population of the park by 10 %, at the wrong end of the already stressed A326 transport corridor. This would have a severe recreational impact on the Forest with disturbance to habitat and livestock, and would further urbanize the already saturated Waterside Area, requiring upgrades to the roads that due to that saturation would necessarily encroach onto the highly protected Crown Lands within the National Park, and would increase traffic westward across the Park on roads already animal accident blackspots.

The New Forest National Park Authority and NFDC share a viability study that accepts the developer's contention that in order to develop 1500 homes at Fawley, they must build 120 as premium homes on a Site of Importance to Nature Conservation in the National Park. Adjacent to the Power Station site, Tom Tiddler's Ground is a young coastal grazing marsh that could easily qualify for SSSI status if it were grazed by commoners' livestock. [see addendum for alternative]

The National Park is failing its statutory purposes to conserve and enhance by adopting the poor logic and questionable feasibility behind the NFDC support for the Waterside development, and lack of objection to the scale of NFDC's 10,500 home plan. The Park Authority and District Council should be working together to fulfil their legal obligation to protect the Forest, not to undermine that protection for the sake of NFDC's political objectives.

The Friends of the New Forest / NFA are objecting to the NFNPA Local Plan under examination in November, before your next court, because if accepted as it is, it lays the groundwork for NFDC's Local Plan which presumes the need and scale of the NFDC objectives, including the destruction of Tom Tiddler's Ground.

The Government 25 Year Environment Plan promises greater protection for National Parks and both designated and undesignated habitats, and a review for possible expansion of the boundaries of National Parks. The Park's own policy should only allow major development under exceptional circumstances. 10,500 homes in the ostensible buffer around the Park, the intentional destruction of Important habitat, and the decimation of Green Belt flies in the face of any presumption that the National Park provides the Forest with any protection.

We ask the Verderers, in their role as a statutory consultee to support our objections, particularly when the NFDC Local Plan is considered. This is a generational threat to the Forest, and hope that all present in both official and private capacities will join us in this fight.



**The Head Agister closed the Court**

**IN COMMITTEE in the Library**

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr Bruce Rothnie, Deputy Surveyor of the New Forest  
Mr Paul Grugeon, Land Agent (New Forest)

**CONSIDERATION OF PRESENTMENTS**

2018/10096 30 MPH SPEED LIMIT

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Cllr Heron spoke to Mrs Gray after the Court to explain the position regarding the possibility of introducing average speed cameras on the B3078. The lack of Police resources remains the biggest hurdle. Cllr Heron said Hampshire County Council continues to liaise with the Police on this and he will ensure the Clerk is advised of any progress.

A discussion then took place regarding the pros and cons of considering fencing the B3078 and the B3054 which are the two worse roads in the Forest for accidents. Differences of opinion remain.

2018/10097 LOCAL PLAN

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It was agreed that a letter should be sent to the planning inspector expressing concern at the potential impact on the New Forest from such a large number of new dwellings. The Forest is under ever increasing visitor pressure. The number of new houses now planned, will add significantly to that pressure. The importance of mitigating the impact on the Forest of further housing development should be stressed, together with the need for monitoring and enforcement of the requirement for effective mitigation. The Official Verderer will draft a suitable letter.

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**NEW SUBMISSIONS AND OTHER MATTERS RAISED BY THE FORESTRY COMMISSION**

2018/10098 SSE REPLACEMENT POLES – BANK / ALUM GREEN /HOLIDAYS HILL

RESUME

The Court expressed the view that undergrounding these lines, using a new route following the track to the Reptile Centre is preferable. Access to the present poles will be an issue as much of the area is very wet. In addition, there is likely to be significant quantities of arisings resulting from the scrub clearance which will be required. This must be removed and not left on the Forest. The route of the lines has not been cleared for many years. Information will also be required as respects how the safety of stock will be assured when the highway fence is taken down for access. Concern was also expressed about too many additional stays for the larger poles which SSE propose to erect.

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Mr Grugeon was asked to arrange a site meeting.

2018/10099 NATIONAL GRID PROPOSALS FOR UNDERGROUNDING THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN THE NORTH OF THE FOREST - GROUND INVESTIGATION WORKS

DISCHARGE

Consent was given for these investigation works with the following conditions:-

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The three usual conditions regarding satisfactory reinstatement, safe working conditions and compensation for loss of grazing

Secure covers for any holes that need to be left open.

Return to ensure holes left open from previous works are in a safe condition.

2018/10100 NATIONAL GRID PROPOSALS FOR UNDERGROUNDING THE HIGH VOLTAGE POWER LINES IN THE NORTH OF THE FOREST – COMPOUND AT TURF HILL DISCHARGE

Consent was given for this compound which is in the Turf Hill Car Park. The three usual conditions apply.

2018/10101 SGN OWER TO SOPLEY DIP POINTS DISCHARGE

Consent was given for these works subject to the three usual conditions. In addition, the welfare area should be in the car park and precautions must be taken to ensure the safety of stock whilst the work is being undertaken.

### MATTERS ARISING

2018/10102 GATEWAY SIGNAGE RESUME

The Clerk reported that this was discussed at the recent Animal Accident Reduction Group and it was agreed that upgrading the signage at main Forest gateways should be given serious consideration.

The Court agreed that improved 'gateway' signage is needed. The Official Verderer said he would write to Cllr Humby (HCC) and the National Park Authority to ask them to help kick-start the process of designing and installing new signage. Action OV

2018/10103 CONFLICTS BETWEEN LIVESTOCK AND THE PUBLIC – POSSIBLE FENCING OF CAMPSITES AND HONEYPOT SITES. RESUME

The Deputy Surveyor said he is meeting with Camping in the Forest next week. The Clerk said that following a meeting to discuss feeding of ponies by the public, at which CiTF's Spencer Pettit was present, CiTF will be including clear information on its website so that customers are fully aware that when visiting the New Forest, they will be camping where livestock runs loose. Action DS

The Court agreed that when considering the management of stock and the management of visitors, stock must take priority. The Court asked if further consideration could be given to the CROW Act and what the Forestry Commission can do to improve the control of dogs at certain times of year. The Deputy Surveyor reported that the Crown Lands are not notified under the CROW Act because access rights were already established under the Law of Property Act 1925.

It is agreed that additional signage in car parks is essential in order to inform the public about how they should behave around the livestock.

A discussion on whether fencing of some campsites and car parks should be given serious consideration. It was agreed the Deputy Surveyor will explore the feasibility of fencing certain campsites and car parks. The matter will then be the subject of further discussion.

2018/10104 SMOOTH SNAKE SURVEY DISCHARGE

Each "site" (geographic area) has about 100 onduline sheet refugia laid out across about 1 km<sup>2</sup>. There were 10 such "sites" in the survey of 2015, rising to 20 sites by 2018.

In 2018, Smooth Snake was found at 7 of the 20 sites which reflected the species rarity, its elusive behaviour and its preference for mature heathland habitat. At one of these 7 sites, Smooth Snake was recorded for the first time in 30 years.

In 2018, a total of 42 records of Smooth Snake were found across the 20 sites. Other reptiles (adder, grass snake, common lizard, slow-worm, and sand lizard) were also recorded during the survey. Of the total 2139 refugia out in 2018, 20% had reptiles recorded as present.

It is still too early to assess the complete picture of the current population and the group wishes to continue the survey for a further 4 years. A Heritage Lottery Fund bid will be made to support that ambition.

2018/10105 SWAN GREEN PAVILION DISCHARGE

The Court Minutes show that the Verderers agreed a contribution of £10,000 towards the cost of demolishing the Pavilion.

The Deputy Surveyor said that he has decided the Forestry Commission will cover the difference in cost and the work will be commenced now, as a matter of urgency.

### SSSI RESTORATION WORKS

2018/10106 REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE LIST RESUME

The SSSI Repair and Maintenance List was circulated to the Court.

### ENCROACHMENTS INVOLVING THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2018/10107 ENCROACHMENT LIST RESUME

A progress report on the encroachment list was provided.

### ACTION LIST

2018/10108 ACTION LIST RESUME

An updated Action List was provided.

### ANY OTHER BUSINESS INVOLVING THE FORESTRY COMMISSION

2018/10109 EAST BOLDRE VILLAGE HALL – PROPOSED SHOP RESUME

The Verderers will shortly be meeting with members of the Village Hall Committee in order to understand exactly what their plans are for the building. The Official Verderer believes the legal position is that the Forestry Commission does not have the power to grant a licence for commercial use, such as a shop. It appears from the promotional video that a shop such as that at Woodgreen is envisaged. A licence for the Village Hall in a former military building was granted in the 1960's.

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At present, the barrier leading to the parking area around the hall is kept shut unless the hall is being used. Incorporating a shop would result in the barrier remaining open for the majority of the time to allow access by customers and delivery vehicles.

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The Court asked the Forestry Commission to provide a clear explanation, in writing, of the legal position as respects its ability to grant a licence for a shop in the Village Hall.

2018/10110 PROPOSED RESTRICTED BYWAY – BISTERNE COMMON BOUNDARY ON DUR HILL TO BURLEY RESUME

An adjacent landowner is promoting the designation of a new restricted byway from the end of the present public footpath from Bisterne Common, on the perambulation of the Forest, to Burley.

The Forestry Commission received the notice from the promotor without any prior discussion. The Land Agent advised the Court that the Forestry Commission's view is that it will oppose the proposals. It is thought that it is not legally possible to claim right of way over Crown Land. The Court confirmed it will not support the creation of an additional cycle way. Any such proposals should be dealt with as part of the outcome of a coherent strategy under the Recreation Management Strategy.

The Deputy Surveyor/Land Agent will establish the position as regards the Crown Lands of the New Forest and public rights of way.

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2018/10111 VINTAGE MOTORCYCLES OFF ROAD IN THE FOREST DISCHARGE

A link was sent to the Forestry Commission and the Clerk in which it appears to show an expensive weekend break 'road testing' vintage motorcycles on the Open Forest being promoted. Several high class local hotels are mentioned as having being involved.

The Forestry Commission did not give consent for this and is investigating who is behind it with a view to preventing a repeat.

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**The Deputy Surveyor and the Forestry Commission's Land Agent left the meeting.**

**MATTERS ARISING (NOT INVOLVING THE FORESTRY COMMISISON)**

2018/10112 SWAN GREEN PAVILION DISCHARGE

The cost of demolishing the pavilion is proving to be significantly higher than was originally anticipated. In view of this, as a gesture of goodwill, the Court agreed to increase its contribution to the cost of demolishing the redundant Swan Green Cricket Pavilion and reinstating the area. The Court will now contribute £15,000. The Official Verderer will advise the Deputy Surveyor.

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2018/10113 CATTLE WITH CALVES AND HORNED CATTLE DISCHARGE

Following a discussion with the Head Agister, Mr Deakin produced a note on whether and if so how best to promote the dehorning of Forest run cattle. Because of the complexities of drafting an appropriate, workable byelaw, the recommendation is that inducements should be offered to commoners to de-horn their cattle. Grants may be offered towards the cost of de-horning or the provision of the necessary equipment. This will be discussed by the VGS committee.

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2018/10114	<b>MEDIA TRAINING</b>	RESUME
	This will be taken forward after the end of the drift season.	Action OV
2018/10115	<b>FAWLEY WATERSIDE DEVELOPMENT</b>	RESUME
	The Official Verderer reported that Aldred Drummond will be delighted to join the Verderers, in an informal meeting on site, to discuss the proposed development on the Waterside. In particular the Verderers wish to discuss with him, the impact on the Forest which is likely to result from the development if it goes ahead and also the provision of a commoner's holding. The Deputy Surveyor has expressed an interest in attending the meeting and the Verderers confirmed they are very happy for him to join them.	Action OV
	The Clerk will circulate some dates and discuss arrangements with Mr Drummond.	Action Clerk

#### **HIGHER LEVEL STEWARDSHIP SCHEME**

2018/10116	<b>FUTURE OF THE HLS</b>	DISCHARGE
	It is hoped that DEFRA will shortly announce that schemes due to finish in 2019 will be rolled over. The period of any rollover is uncertain. However it is likely to be for a sufficiently long period to allow the Government to devise and introduce a suitable alternative scheme, given that Countryside Stewardship has not proved a success. It is hoped a similar announcement will be forthcoming regarding schemes due to end in 2020, such as the Verderers HLS.	
	The Official Verderer has asked for a full presentation on Countryside Stewardship at the January HLS Board Meeting.	

#### **MATTERS ARISING FROM EXTERNAL COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS**

2018/10117	<b>OPEN FOREST ADVISORY COMMITTEE</b>	DISCHARGE
	Mrs Westerhoff reported on the most recent meeting, which she and Mr Dowsett attended. She said a lot of outstanding matters have been completed. Subjects discussed included a lichen survey, holly cutting to help stock management and a track at the Nodes which was damaged during Forest works. The track which runs between Crab Hat and Dibden may need reinstatement. It will, however, be a very expensive job and the local Agister is considering whether it is necessary.	
2018/10118	<b>FELLING LICENCES</b>	DISCHARGE
	It is understood that some Parish Councils are objecting to any felling taking place. This is holding up work in Linford Bottom. It is understood the Commoners' Defence Association may make a Presentment.	
2018/10119	<b>LITTER PICKING</b>	DISCHARGE
	Mr Dowsett reported that there will be another Forest litter pick in the spring. The perception is that littering has decreased but there remains a problem with bottles and plastic by the roadside. There have been a number of reports of cattle in particular eating plastic.	

## FINANCIAL MATTERS

2018/10120 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2018 DISCHARGE

The Financial Statement was noted.

## STAFF MATTERS / HEALTH & SAFETY

2018/10121 AGISTERS' HORSE EXPENSES RESUME

The Clerk wrote a further letter to HMRC and a response is awaited.

2018/10122 REMUNERATION COMMITTEE DISCHARGE

The remuneration committee settled the salary increase for this year.

## ANY OTHER BUSINESS

2018/10123 ARMISTICE COMMEMORATIONS DISCHARGE

Mrs Westerhoff and Mr Dowsett will represent the Verderers at Lyndhurst War Memorial on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Mills will represent the Verderers at the NFDC's Armistice Commemoration on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November at Appletree Court.

2018/10124 VERDERERS' HALL REFURBISHMENT DISCHARGE

Mr Dowsett reported that the Stirrup has now been re-hung in its original position above the fireplace in the Verderers' Hall. The board listing Deputy Surveyors and Official Verderers has been relocated. Two stags' heads have been repositioned. The Coat of Arms is to be cleaned and restored. Suitable plaques will be obtained for the various exhibits. It is hoped this work will now be completed without further delay. The interactive display in the cupboards has still to be finalised. It is hoped that will be in-situ soon.

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2018/10125 COMMUNICATIONS AGENCY & THE VERDERERS WEBSITE DISCHARGE

Mr Mills' helpful suggestion that the Court should employ the services of a communications agency received a mixed reaction. The Official Verderer suggested it would be best to see the new website up and running first.

2018/10126 FORESTRY COMMISSION PROPERTIES DISCHARGE

Mr Deakin went to a meeting of the New Forest Commoners Defence Association where it was pointed out that the Illingworth Report states that an Elected Verderer should have an input into the selection of tenants.

2018/10127 COURT DATES DISCHARGE

A list of Court dates for 2019 was circulated. The February Court is one week earlier than usual.

2018/10128 LYNDHURST GOLF CLUB

RESUME

The plan in the lease is very indistinct. The Court feels that for a new agreement a better plan is needed. The Club has asked where it is permitted to store soil needed for work on the course. The Court agreed soil can be moved to the old fire site.

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

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