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**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD  
ON 24<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2021**

Present:

Lord Manners	– Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff (DW)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr Barry Dowsett (BD)	- Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer
Mr Dave Readhead (DR)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs T Woodley (TW)	- VGS Administrator

**REMOTELY BY ZOOM CONFERENCE CALL**

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	None	
2. Declarations of interest	RD & DR declared membership of the VGS. OV has tenants who are members of the VGS. RD & DR are members of the New Forest Livestock Society. RD & DR are members of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate RD & DR are members of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. RD & DR are committee members of the CDA DW is a trustee of the New Forest Trust	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved  Matters Arising <b>Help for small/new Commoners in the future</b> The rerunning of the Mentorship Scheme could be looked at as a project for the ELM Scheme – NFLAS  <b>Feeding area inspections 2021</b> Feeding Area inspections did not take place in 2021 due to continuing Covid restrictions and then being too late in the year – The Agisters listed the small number of sites used during Winter 2020/21 and no concerns were raised. The 2021/22 inspection will take place early Spring of 22.	

<p>4. VGS Cross checks – Due diligence</p>	<p>Total of 535 Members of the VGS 2021 88 at Common rate and 447 at Forest rate.</p> <p>Cattle and Pig declarations have been sent out to confirm animals have met the grazing requirement to claim VGS. Forms to be returned by 1<sup>st</sup> Dec</p> <p>TW contacted the RPA for a status report on the 2021 HLS payment – reply received 19<sup>th</sup> Nov stating the claim should be ready to be released when the payment window opens in December.</p> <p>Adjacent Commons contributions have been requested HCC's new CS scheme is not due to start until Jan 2022 – payment request for Jan/Feb issued NT contribution being processed – Wellow Parish contribution being processed – Minstead Manor contribution received.</p>	
<p>5. VGS Annual Grants 2021</p>	<p>The Committee studied the VGS annual grants table detailing the current year spend up to the end of October 21.</p> <p>No spend in 2021 on Microchipping as no Beaulieu Road Sales have taken place due to Covid – The Futurity Grant has received an additional £1500 in 21 to support grazing costs of the colts that were unable to be licenced due to Covid restrictions.</p>	
<p>6. Pound rebuilds 2021</p>	<p>The delayed 2020 Pound projects have now been completed with the exception of Ipley which is due to be finished in Dec.</p> <p>The pounds rebuilt this year were;</p> <p>Blackfield Setthorns/ Adlems Lane Woodlands Durmast New Park (Non HLS) Furzey Lodge Coxhill Sway Slufers – Due to be built Dec 21 Cadnam / Bartley - Due to be built Dec 21 Ipley – Due to be completed Dec 21</p>	
<p>7. Small grant applications</p>	<p>The committee discussed the VGS Small Grant Applications.</p> <p>The grants awarded from now on are to come with a stipulation that purchases must be made within 6 months of the award with the exception of buildings.</p> <p>TW was asked to follow up on those grants not yet claimed for from previous year's awards as £17,005 still remains unclaimed. (£3750 of which refers to 2020/21 grants)</p>	<p>Action TW</p>

	<p>Grants of varying sums were approved to the following members of the VGS:</p> <p>Sarah Mills  Lisa Theron  Beatrice Maloney  Sam Dovey  Nicola Stephens  Mr &amp; Mrs Potheary  Colin Moore</p> <p>2 applications were deferred pending permissions being granted.  TW to inform applicants</p>	Action TW
8. Sightline Fencing/ Driftway Fencing	<p>TW reported on the status of the 2021 Drift fence &amp; holding pen projects</p> <p>Blackfield – Holding pen completed  Ipley – Holding pen completed  Adlams Lane – Holding pen and drift fencing completed  Furzey Lodge – Holding pen completed  East Boldre Middle Allotment sightline fencing – to be confirmed  Coppice of Linwood – Holding Pen – Not yet completed</p>	
9. VGS Rule Breaches	None to report	
10. AOB	<p><b>Replacement / Additional Radios for Drifts</b></p> <p>The Committee agreed to fund the purchase of 2 replacement radios and 5 additional radios for use by Agisters/walkers to maintain rider/public safety. These radios will be Icom IC-F52D hand held radios which will work with the existing radios, are waterproof and have bluetooth capability. The price for seven, including battery chargers, will be £395.00 per unit plus VAT.  TW to order.</p>	Action TW
11. Date for next Meeting	Wednesday June 29 <sup>th</sup> 2pm	

T Woodley  
VGS Administrator