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**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 1st DECEMBER 2022**

Present:

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| Lord Manners (OV) | - Official Verderer |
| Mr R Deakin (RD) | - Elected Verderer |
| Mr Clive Chatters (CC) | - Natural England Appointed Verderer |
| Mrs T Woodley (TW) | - VGS Administrator |

| Item | Item | Action |
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| 1. Apologies | Mr Dave Readhead (DR) - Elected Verderer | |
| 2. Declarations of interest | RD declared membership of the VGS. RD member of the New Forest Livestock Society. RD member of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate RD member of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. RD committee member of the CDA CC is secretary for HIWWT and Trustee and Council member of the NFA | |
| 3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising | Minutes of the last meeting were approved Matters Arising VGS Entry for change in marking fees RD asked for a VGS meeting in January to discuss VGS terms and conditions and payment rates for 2023. TW to include NE Ipley Pound Access DR wanted to propose an alternative access to the Ipley Pound via the extension of the existing track. DR to bring forward for discussion with FE. Young Commoners & Training Opportunities RD has spoken to the Young Commoners and they arranging appropriate training courses. Bracken Harvesting RD requested more information on the possibility of funding opportunities for | |

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| | commoners harvesting bracken for their own use from the open forest. No further action at present. | |
| 4. VGS Cross checks – Due diligence | <p>All VGS forms have been returned and 80% entered onto Web CRM. Cattle and Pig declarations are being returned.</p> <p>Adjacent Commons contributions have been requested @ £28 per hectare HCC's contribution paid – new CS scheme NT awaiting purchase order – this could be the last contribution if NT do not enter a new ES agreement. Wellow Parish contribution requested. Minstead Manor contribution received. Discuss at January meeting contribution rates 2023.</p> | |
| 5. VGS Annual Grants 2022 | <p>The Committee studied the VGS annual grants table detailing the current year spend up to the end of November 2022.</p> <p>TW to discuss with JRG and order reflective collars</p> | Action TW |
| 6. Pound rebuilds 2022 | <p>The Pound projects for 2022 included Cadnam / Bartley Completed Ipley – Completed Furzey Lodge - Completed Coxhill – Completed Sway – Completed Sluffters – Due to be built Dec 22 Pondhead – Completed Warwickslade – Due to be built Dec 22 Montys – Completed Summer 22 (Highways)</p> | |
| 7. Small grant applications | <p>The committee discussed the VGS Small Grant Applications. 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. £1000 awarded and not yet claimed - £1000 from 2022</p> <p>Grants of varying sums were approved to the following members of the VGS:</p> <p>Mr & Mrs Kempe Denise Knight Liz Mansbridge Ben Mansbridge D Wilding & L England Richard Stride Luke Jones & Hannah Gates Sarah Mills</p> | Action TW |

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| | Mr & Mrs M Whincup Luke Blomfield Alan Goodall | |
| 8. Sightline Fencing/ Driftway Fencing | TW reported on the status of the 2022 Drift fence & holding pen projects Furzey Lodge – Holding pen completed in Oak Coppice of Linwood holding pen – Completed June 22 Markway repairs to drift fence completed May 22 Highland Water repairs to drift fence completed May 22 Withybeds Drift fence repairs – Awaiting additional rails | |
| 9. VGS Rule Breaches | None to report | |
| 10. AOB | <p>Livestock Trailers TW to get quotes for replacement livestock trailers as very long waiting list for builds from Ifor Williams.</p> <p>Ogdens Pound TW to follow up for HCC contribution to rebuild of Ogdens Pound</p> <p>Verderers Field Pound TW to arrange for 2023 build of new standard pound in Verderers Field.</p> <p>VGS Pig Payment Rates RS to put together a proposal for increase in pig grazing payments to encourage more pig keepers to turn out for pannage. To discuss at January meeting.</p> <p>CDA Correspondence TW & RD to reply to CDA's request for information after the meeting at end of January.</p> | <p>Action TW</p> <p>Action TW</p> <p>Action TW</p> <p>Action RS</p> <p>Action TW & RD</p> |
| 11. Date for next Meeting | TBA Feb 2023 – WED Feb 1 st – 1.30 pm (same day as Staff Meeting) June 2023 – WED June 14 th 2pm November 2023 – WED Nov 22 nd 2pm | |
| | Meeting closed 15.45 | |

T Woodley
VGS Administrator



