



SALESBURY AND COPSTER GREEN COMMONS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chairman: Cllr Janet Westwell

Clerk: L Lund

Proceedings at a virtual meeting held on Zoom of the Salesbury and Copster Green Commons Management Committee held on Monday 4 May 2021.

PRESENT: Cllrs J Westwell (Chairman), M Howells (Vice Chairman), G Henderson, M Wood, Borough Cllrs S Bibby and L Edge, Clerk – Lesley Lund

Min No		Action
1/21	Chairman's Welcome Cllr Westwell opened the meeting at 18:46 hrs and welcomed everyone to the meeting. Cllr Westwell asked for nominations for Chairman for the next 12 months.	
2/21	Election of Chairman for the next 12 months. Cllr Howells nominated Cllr Westwell and this was seconded by Borough Cllr Edge. Cllr Westwell was duly elected as Chairman of the Salesbury and Copster Green Commons Management Committee for the next 12 months.	
3/21	Apologies for absence Cllr S Hirst sent his apology and the Committee were aware that Cllr P Boyes was trying to join the virtual meeting.	
4/21	Election of Vice Chairman for the next 12 months Cllr Westwell nominated Cllr Howells and this was seconded by Cllr Bibby. Cllr Howells was duly elected as Vice Chairman of the Salesbury and Copster Green Commons Management Committee for the next 12 months.	
5/21	Public participation None	
6/21	Approval of the minutes of the meeting held on 29 March 2021 The minutes were approved as a true record Proposed: Cllr Howells Seconded: Cllr Edge	
7/21	Declaration of interests None	
8/21	Updates on previous actions <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Chairman informed the meeting that Legal Officer and the Council's contact for the Common had now left RVBC. Contact should now be made to Stephen Barker or Mair Hill, RVBC. ii. Cllr Westwell had contacted Mair Hill and asked her to send the proposed letter for residents in regards to responsibilities in connection with Common Land. iii. Park Gate Farm Cllr Edge had spoken with the resident who had raised concerns – Encroachment onto Common land The wall – which was falling down and causing safety issues The Proposal to clear some shrub land and plant fruit trees 	Noted Noted Cllr Edge to arrange to meet with the resident with the Chairman

	<p>The cutting of the Common too often rather than letting flowers seed the resident felt that it should only be cut once at the end of the season. - <i>Cllr Edge felt that the resident had given some worthwhile comments. The Chairman asked whether this was just in regards to Hazel Moor? And added that the Common land was cut twice a month at the moment. Cllr Wood made a comment In regards to the Middle Green that if it was not cut there could be complaints. Cllr Howells Lower Green – no problem with it cut less frequently but reminded the meeting that when wild plants were left to grow Hymalyan balsam (invasive species) could be one of them. Cllr Henderson felt that residents should be asked their opinion – cut or left? And Cllr Bibby felt that it would be better for the Committee to decide what it wanted and provide the reason for that decision. Cllr Edge added that the boggy land on the Lower Green was being chewed up by the machinery and damaging the soil structure;</i></p> <p><i>There was an awareness that all members of the Committee were not present and the Chairman felt that everyone should think about views and proposals and bring to the next meeting where a vote would be taken.</i></p> <p>New roads on Common land Parking sign at Park Gate – <i>the Chairman was aware of this and had replied to the resident</i></p>	Next Agenda - Clerk
9/21	<p>Signs</p> <p>a) Complaint re new sign Hazel Moor – there had been a complaint from RVBC re the bin wagon not being able to turn around and having to reverse down the track into the main road to exit. Cllrs had various views: <i>There was doubt if it needed to be moved 50 yards back Could the Cricket Club put the bins at the roadside as was the practice in other places? The hardstanding had been made on Common land and if reinstated to Common – it wouldn't be a turnaround anyway. Cllr Bibby volunteered to raise the matter with RVBC and report to the next meeting.</i></p> <p>b) <u>Damage to new No Parking Sign - Hazel Moor</u> Mr Green from Salesbury Cricket Club reported to Cllr Wood the damage to the recently installed no parking sign next to the cricket club. Some boys were seen by a resident damaging the sign. The Police were informed.</p>	<p>Cllr Bibby – to contact RVBC Clerk – Next Agenda</p> <p>Noted</p>
10/21	Complaint re school car park – residents have complained that the police have put signs on the car park advising that it is private when it is not.- <i>the Chairman reported that there had been no further communication from the School in regards to a meeting and she would chase it up.</i>	Cllr Westwell to contact the school
11/21	Oak tree saplings – this would be deferred to the next agenda	Clerk – Next Agenda
12/21	Cllr Bibby's report sent to RVBC – Cllr Bibby explained that there was no update at present this was because of the current workload of the legal team in respect of the elections and other matters.	Clerk – Next Agenda
13/21	<p>2021 plan – the Chairman had asked members to bring forward any ideas to this meeting.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>IMPROVEMENT TO LAND ON LOVELY HALL LANE BY THE MAKING OF A CIRCULAR WALK WAY -Cllr Howells referred to damage to land on Lovely Hall Lane which had recently had signs of a bike track being made and also trees and branches taken down with a chain saw . At the present time it is very overgrown She asked the Committee to consider if more could be done about that area ie the making of a track/circular walkway around the area. She felt that this would enhance the area.</i> <i>INTRODUCTION OF STEPS ON CROSSING POINT – LOVELY HALL LANE, COPSTER GREEN SIDE OF BRIDGE – Cllr Howells suggested a project of putting some steps in?</i> 	

	<p>The Chairman asked that members vote in respect of Cllr Howells looking further into this ie gathering information from other groups such as the Conservation Group, Countryside Trust and Primrose Lodge Group.</p> <p>All members were in agreement and Cllr Edge added that the Commons rules should be checked in respect of the proposals.</p> <p>The Chairman asked Cllr Howells to look into it and to bring a proposal back to the next meeting.</p> <p>3. <i>REMOVAL OF VEGATATION AT COPSTER GREEN AND PLANTING – Cllr Wood</i> <i>The Chairman said it had been included in the resident's survey. The approximate figure for the project was £1000.00</i></p>	<p>Cllr Howells to bring proposal back to the next meeting.</p> <p>Clerk – next agenda</p>
14/21	<p>Speeding on track to cricket club – The Chairman had been contacted by Mr Green of the Cricket Club – <i>This matter was not being pursued at the moment.</i></p>	Noted
15/21	<p>Hazelmoor culvert clearance – The Chairman explained that the culvert does block up quite a lot in heavy rain and is a hazard. There was rubble in the culvert and the Chairman asked if the Committee could clear the culvert?</p> <p>Cllr Henderson said he would go down and have a look.</p>	<p>Cllr Henderson to go and inspect the culvert and report to the next meeting</p> <p>Clerk – Next Agenda</p>
16/21	<p>Ribblesdale Cottage – Request for Removal of stones</p> <p>The resident from Ribblesdale Cottage has asked if they can remove what look like some random edging stones adjacent to their property. The resident would like to re-instate it to grass. <i>Cllr Wood had circulated a photograph of the site and councillors had no objection provided the works were limited to the edging stones in the photograph and no other works take place.</i></p>	<p>Chairman would inform the resident that the Committee had no objection providing only the edging stones were removed and no other works take place.</p>
17/21	<p>Residents Annual Survey – The Chairman had circulated a draft of the survey. Some councillors hadn't received it and the Clerk was asked to re circulate it to committee members with a request for any comments to the Chairman by the 14 May. The survey would be put on the website and also circulated with the Newsletter.</p> <p>Cllr Howells suggested a question asking for views on leaving parts of the Common wild.</p>	Clerk - recirculate
18/21	<p>Date of Next scheduled Meeting 26 July 2021 - subject to large room availability</p> <p>The meeting closed at 19:29 hrs</p>	

