**Minutes of Bringsty Common Manorial Court**

**on Monday, 13th May 2024 from 19:00 – 21:00**

**at Whitbourne Village Hall**

**Attendees:**

Niall Waller (Chair), Tom Fisher (Vice Chair), Peter Bridge from 19:30 (Treasurer), Elizabeth Hesketh (Clerk), Rob Randall, Sally Knowles (Whitbourne Parish Council).

1. **Apologies for absence:** Martin Boote, Kirsty Udall, Ruth Lyon
2. **Minutes of the meeting of 11.03.24**

Approved.

1. **Questions and comments from the public:**

None

1. **Chair’s report**

**Dog attack on muntjacs**: Resident has reported to Chair that dogs have been attacking muntjacs on east side of BC. Issue has been raised with the owner of the dogs.

**Action**: Chair requests to be informed of any further occurrences of muntjac attacks **All**

**Parked car:** The blue Honda parked for several weeks adjacent to the propertyof BC residents has now been moved and is parked on the track above ‘The Live and Let Live’ Pub. No further action required from BCMC.

**Vegetation waste dumped on BC**: Garden waste has now been removed by resident and Electricity Company have agreed to remove waste after carrying out work.

**Insurance re public and employee liability re. work carried out on BC:** Insurance company have confirmed the following (i) covered: use of mowers, chain saws (however, HDC requires that user has certification if using chain saw on BC), strimmers, hedge cutters. Not covered: felling, sawing, lopping or carting trees.

**BC Constitution / updated bylaws / grazing rights for BC**: No update. Chair has delayed contacting Helen Beale (HDC) over the last few weeks, at her request, due to HDC reorganisation which should now have occurred.

**Action:** To contact Helen Beale to discuss above issues **Chair**

**Track on south of BC:** Chair has received email from residents concerned about its deteriorated state and the high cost of repairs. A contribution from HDC is being sought by residents.

**Action**: To support residents by raising this issue with Helen Beale. **Chair**

1. **Treasurer’s Report**:

Money have been received for 2022 from Rural Payments Agency (RPA). Monies for 2023 should be paid by end of June.

1. **Official Business:**

**Dissemination of information re. BCMC meeting (i) dates (ii) agendas (iii) minutes:** Confirmed responsibilities for doing this. To highlight that members of public are welcome to attend.

**Actions:**

1. To post on Website **Chair**
2. To place on the two BC noticeboards **Clerk**
3. To post on Facebook **Chair**

**Review of BCMC Meeting frequencies and timings for remainder of 2024**:

Agreement to continue with bimonthly meetings and to continue with earlier timings (19:00 – 21:00 vs 19:30 – 21:30)

**Dropbox review**:

Generally, BCMC committee members positive about its use. Discussion re managing permissions.

**Action**: To flag up to Clerk if having Dropbox problems e.g. with access **All**

**7. Matters Arising and actions from previous meetings**

**a.****Routine management of****Bringsty Common.**

Agreement to follow 2023 management plan.

**Track cutting:** As last year, to cut tracks twice with extra width.

**Action**: To liaise with Kirsty re track cutting arrangements and payment of contractor **Vice Chair**

**Football pitch:** Expectation that funding will continue from Whitbourne. Agreement that pitch should be cut 1-2 / monthly during the period April – Sept inc.

**Grasslands:** Grasslands not cut last year as work was scheduled for late September and weather too wet.To schedule early September cut for the five areas of grasslands concerned (cricket pitch / area on north side of BC / top of Jubilee / area by Primrose and Marley Cottages).

**Actions:**

1. To liaise with Martin re organisation of areas of grassland to cut **Vice Chair**
2. To liaise with Hugh Davies re dates and areas of grasslands to be cut **Martin**

**Bracken Bruising:** To continue with bracken bruising trial (similar - possibly slightly extended -area, time committing) and to possibly advertise as part of a community event.

**Action:** To liaise with Crunchyre dates (two days between mid-late July) and areas of bracken to be bruised **Vice Chair**

**Woodland Management Plan:** Work to be carried out in compartment 6 over winter period as specified in schedule of work.Discussed progress of recently planted trees.

**Action:** To strim bracken around young trees on east side of BC **Rob**

1. **Bringsty Common maintenance and development**

**Action:** To carry over to July meeting **Clerk**

1. **New Business:** None Identified
2. **Whitbourne Parish Report**

Ron James reappointed as Chair and Nigel Shaw as Vice Chair at recent AGM.

420 bus route to be reinstated shortly.

Wheatsheaf Inn up for sale again inc. planning permission to be made into one house. Current owner has a 215 notice to make good the repairs.

Smartwater kits: there has not yet been enough take-up for locality to be designated a Smartwater Area. Further opportunities for households to acquire a kit

There was no further business, so the meeting was closed.

**The next ordinary meeting will be held at Whitbourne Village Hall**

**on Monday, 15th July 2024 from 19-00 - 21-00**