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**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 4th November 2015**

Present:

Mr D May (OV)	- Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff (DW)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr H Mills (HM)	- Defra Appointed Verderer
Mr A Gerrelli (AG)	- Elected Verderer
Miss L Sargeant (LS)	- VGS Administrator

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	None	
2. Declarations of interest	OV, RD and AG declared their membership of the VGS. RD is a member of the New Forest Livestock Society. OV, RD, & AG are members of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. HM has a tenant who is in VGS and is a fencing contractor. HM has an interest in NFLAS.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved. Matters arising The VGS Annual payment pot was reviewed by the committee. The committee agree that to increase the amount paid to commoners by any significant amount would require a lot of money to make a difference. The VGS want to fund other projects such as the verge restoration project and supporting the New Forest pony breed. Numbers of animals have gone up in the scheme due to the new BPS, so the payment per livestock unit has gone down. The committee do not want to increase the pot as this would incentivise a further increase in animal numbers.	
4. VGS Cross checks	LS to check those commoners with more than 20 animals who have increased their number by more than 20% increase. Also ask the Agisters to check cattle numbers.	LS

5. Pound rebuild	The committee approved the proposal to contract Daniel Bessant to build the 4 pounds in 2016.	LS
6. Small grant applications	<p>Grants of varying sums were approved to the following members of the VGS:</p> <p>IC Kitcher – hurdles. A Goodall – fence. If he has a 5 year tenancy. A Shore – cattle crush and pen. M Tillyer, J Tillyer, & S Roberts – barn. T Cranton – barn. L Manners, A Frampton – fence. If she has a 5 year tenancy.</p> <p>M Bridle – barn. P Kempe –hurdles. The application for funding towards the post driver was refused.</p> <p>It was suggested that K Tillman should apply to the National Trust for his grant as he predominantly turns out to Common.</p> <p>LS to inform all applicants.</p>	LS
7. AOB	<p>Next meeting will be in May. LS to email dates.</p> <p>In future there will be two deadlines for small grant applications, end of April and end of October. LS to add to the newsletter for next year.</p>	LS LS

L Sargeant
VGS Administrator

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