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**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD
ON 12th June 2024**

Present:

Mr Edward Heron (OV)	- Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mr Dave Readhead (DR)	- Elected Verderer
Mr Clive Chatters (CC)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr Mark Gammon (MG)	- Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer
Mrs T Woodley (TW)	- VGS Administrator

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	None	
2. Declarations of interest	RD & DR declared membership 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 member of the CDA CC is an Officer of HIWWT OV declared an interest as member of HCC	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last VGS meeting were approved – TW to sign and upload to website	Action TW
4. Cattle Supplement 2023	2023 VGS - 84 individual herds paid – £2298.85 2 herds had payments stopped due to rule violations.	
5. Commons Contributions 2024	TW will send requests to HCC, and Wellow Parish Council for the same contribution as last year based on £32.68 per hectare. NT are meeting with the Verderers after the June Court – discussions on future VGS contributions will be had.	Action TW

6. Stallion Grazing, Futurity and Bloodlines	<p>The new grazing at Mottisfont is ready apart from the water supply which will be connected in the next couple of weeks. The VGS committee agreed to finance the water connection, 3 troughs and 3 additional gates. TW to organize contractor as soon as possible. The stallions will return to Cadland and then move on mass to Mottisfont at an agreed time. This is on a five-year farm assured tenancy at a cost of £7,600 per annum to be paid in advance – Cadland agreement has been renewed until March 2025 at a cost of £4603.48 per annum (paid in advance)</p> <p>New Park grazing £600 per annum</p> <p><u>Futurity</u> NFPB&CS are running the Futurity again this year as we are able to fund the project. We normally give £8000 towards the grazing costs of the yearling colts – we are going to put the Futurity colts at Mottisfont</p> <p><u>Bloodline Scheme</u> Robert Maton has agreed to run another Bloodline Scheme. Plan to have a maximum of 10 rare blood mares put to stud stallions Costs to be advised – previous budget was for £16,000 per annum. Grazing for mares will either be at Motisfont or Cadland.</p>																																																	
7. 2024 VGS Annual Grants	<p>All 2024 Annual Grants have been paid in April (marked in green) Other lines are budget projections for 2024</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="389 949 1342 1939"> <tr><td>VGS Project Staff</td><td>£39,757.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Administration</td><td>£10,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>SUB TOTAL</td><td>£49,757.00</td></tr> <tr><td>VGS Grazing payments</td><td>£792,957.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Sponsorship of LAS</td><td>£53,905.22</td></tr> <tr><td>Small Grant fund</td><td>£15,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Microchipping at Beaulieu Road Sales</td><td>£5,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Reflective collars</td><td>£24,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Agister Salary contribution</td><td>£57,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Stallion Scheme</td><td>£17,737.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Bloodline Scheme</td><td>£0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Futurity Scheme</td><td>£8,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>NF Pony Publicity Group</td><td>£0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>NF Livestock Society (Marketing + £1,000 Foal Shows)</td><td>£9,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>NF Trust (Beaulieu Road Maintenance)</td><td>£6,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>NF Pony Enthusiasts Club</td><td>£1,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Pony Welfare & Fallen Stock Programme</td><td>£25,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Young Commoner training</td><td>£3,500.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Drift Fencing</td><td>£19,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Pound Rebuild programme</td><td>£5,000.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Sundry Grant</td><td>£0.00</td></tr> <tr><td>VGS Sub Total</td><td>£1,043,099.22</td></tr> <tr><td>VGS Grand Total</td><td>£1,092,856.22</td></tr> <tr><td>HLS Secretarial Support from Verderers</td><td>£15,812.00</td></tr> </table>	VGS Project Staff	£39,757.00	Administration	£10,000.00	SUB TOTAL	£49,757.00	VGS Grazing payments	£792,957.00	Sponsorship of LAS	£53,905.22	Small Grant fund	£15,000.00	Microchipping at Beaulieu Road Sales	£5,000.00	Reflective collars	£24,000.00	Agister Salary contribution	£57,000.00	Stallion Scheme	£17,737.00	Bloodline Scheme	£0.00	Futurity Scheme	£8,000.00	NF Pony Publicity Group	£0.00	NF Livestock Society (Marketing + £1,000 Foal Shows)	£9,000.00	NF Trust (Beaulieu Road Maintenance)	£6,500.00	NF Pony Enthusiasts Club	£1,500.00	Pony Welfare & Fallen Stock Programme	£25,000.00	Young Commoner training	£3,500.00	Drift Fencing	£19,000.00	Pound Rebuild programme	£5,000.00	Sundry Grant	£0.00	VGS Sub Total	£1,043,099.22	VGS Grand Total	£1,092,856.22	HLS Secretarial Support from Verderers	£15,812.00	
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8. VGS Rule Violations 2023-24	<p>15/187/0060 Arters Lawn – withheld 2023 VGS and 2023 Cattle Supplement. Commoners already notified by letter</p> <p>15/186/0102 Pondhead Farm – withheld 2023 VGS and 2023 Cattle Supplement. Commoners already notified by letter</p>	
9. VGS Small Grants	<p>VGS grants of varying sums were awarded to VGS members</p> <p>Mrs J Tillman Mrs K Luker Miss A Long Miss R Long Mr C Newman Mrs P Oakley Mr T Ingram Mr A Ingram Mr W Ingram Mr L Byford Miss R Spencer-Fleet Mr S Dovey Mr J Gerrelli Mr B Mansbridge Mrs L Mansbridge</p> <p>1 application was rejected TW to inform applicants of committee's decisions</p>	Action TW
10. AOB	No AOB raised	
11. Dates for Next Meetings	Wed Nov 13th 2pm 2024 – Verderers Office	
	Meeting closed 15.30	

T Woodley
VGS Administrator



