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**MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 27<sup>th</sup> November 2019**

Present:

Lord Manners (OV)	- Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff (DW)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr Barry Dowsett (BD)	- Forestry Commission Appointed Verderer
Mrs T Woodley (TW)	- VGS Administrator

**IN COMMITTEE in the Verderers' Meeting Room**

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	Mr D Readhead (DR) Elected Verderer	
2. Declarations of interest	RD declared membership of the VGS. RD is a member of the New Forest Livestock Society. RD is a member of the New Forest Stallion Syndicate RD is a member of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. OV has tenants who are in the VGS RD is a committee member of the CDA DW is a trustee of the New Forest Trust	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved  The committee discussed the 2018 incidents of stock being removed from the forest by the Agister where the owner had failed to do so. The committee requested that TW collate the 2019 data and repeat offenders be sent a warning letter.  TW reported that 13 PSSM positive ponies have been claimed for under the Welfare Scheme with a couple left still to be claimed for before the end of the year.	Action TW

4. VGS Cross checks – Due diligence	<p>TW supplied a report detailing the following;</p> <p>Confirmation of qualifying period letters have been sent to all Cattle and pig commoners. These are due to be returned by Dec 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Bi-Lateral Grazing contributions have been received from The National Trust, Wellow Parish Council and Minstead Manor. HCC and Waterslade are no longer in an HLS agreement. The total Commons pot for 2019 is £41044.64. Commons Grazing payments are due to be paid at the end of December.</p>	
5. VGS Annual Grants 2019	<p>TW reported to the committee that all the VGS annual grants awarded for 2019 have been paid except the HIWWT. TW has now received the payment request and will process the payment.</p>	
6. Pound rebuilds 2019	<p>TW reported on the proposed 2019 rebuilds are:</p> <p>East Boldre, Cadnam, Picket Post, Blackfield and a new pound at Withybeds – these are due to be completed over the winter period. Ober has already been completed by an alternative contractor.</p>	
7. Small grant applications	<p>The committee agreed to put the small grant awards on hold until after discussion with the HLS Board at their January meeting. The project has reached its allocated budget that was set at the beginning of the current agreement and the committee made the decision not to award any new grants without the HLS board agreeing to a revised budget. Any future Small Grant awards are also dependant on the success of an HLS rollover.</p> <p>TW to inform applicants that they will be notified of the outcome after the January HLS Board Meeting.</p>	Action TW
8. Sightline Fencing/ Driftway Fencing	<p>TW reported on the projects for driftway and sightline fencing projects:</p> <p>Replacement holding pens at Blackfield, Picket Post, Copse of Linwood and Bentleys.</p> <p>New Holding pen at Slufers Pound.</p> <p>New 30m Sightline fencing at East End Allotments.</p>	
9. VGS Rule Breaches	<p>No breeches to report at this meeting.</p>	
10. AOB	<p>RD updated the committee on the status of the microchipping refunding for those ponies being sold through Beaulieu Road sales. 3 Microchipping days have been held this year a couple of weeks before the sales to allow time for the Breed Society to issue the passports. These have been well attended.</p> <p>TW informed the board that the CDA Chairman had requested the list of current agreed winter-feeding areas for reference.</p>	

11. Date for next Meeting	TW to circulate proposed 2020 dates in the new year if an HLS rollover has been approved.	

T Woodley  
VGS Administrator

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VGS Management Committee  
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