

NETTLEBED PARISH COUNCIL
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CROCKER END GREEN COMMON MANAGEMENT
COMMITTEE MEETING

Minutes of the meeting held at The Village Club, Nettlebed
on **Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 7.00pm**

Present: Chairman: Cllr Ondrej Žačko (OŽ)
Committee Members: David Pinder (DP), Jo Overment (JO)
Beverley Phillips (BP),

Also present: No members of the public were present

MINUTES

- 006/25 To receive and accept apologies for Absence
Geoff Bond did not attend
- 007/25 Declarations of Interest
There were none
- 008/25 To approve the Minutes of the Crocker End Green Common Management Committee (CEGCMC) Meeting held on 15th October 24 and the Extraordinary Meeting held on 19th November 2024, previously circulated
The Committee **RESOLVED** to agree that the draft minutes of both meetings be accepted as a true record.
- 010/25 Update on the following items:
- i. Byelaw Signs
Update: Posts have been installed. Graphics: **Action: JP** to proceed with the order. The aim is to have the graphics produced and paid for by the end of this financial year.
 - ii. Promoting wildflowers on the common
The Committee discussed the vision in the Management Plan of increasing wildflower

growth/species on the common and will consider producing a working plan to structure this. **Action: BP** to contact Roselle Chapman, Nature Recovery Officer at SODC, for guidance on the best approach to promoting wildflower growth.

Action: BP and JO to identify a test area for piloting wildflower growth and establish a local volunteer working group to assist with the project. After the grass is cut, BP and JO will coordinate with the group to rake and stack the arisings. Members acknowledged that the cost of collecting and disposing of the arisings may be prohibitive. **Action: OŽ** to meet with contractor to discuss grass management strategies that support wildflower growth and report back at June meeting. **Action: JP** look into potential grant opportunities.

iii. Sonning Common Green Gym (SCGG)

A SCGG session took place on 22nd February, during which some brambles were cleared, and cut branches were moved from under the Ash trees. It is hoped that another session can be booked in July - SCGG will rake arisings, however they are in demand and have several other priorities. If a session goes ahead, it was agreed that the focus will be on clearing around French House and Crocker End House, removing brambles by the road and salt bin as well as tidying a small area by the central tree and fields—bridleways should be made wider. Additionally, branches under the tree outside 26 Crocker End should be removed. **Action: OŽ** to liaise with SCGG regarding availability. OZ thanked JO for allowing SCGG volunteers to park in their driveway during the session.

011/25 Grass Cutting

The Committee expressed their appreciation for Richard Hunt's generosity in mowing the common for many years but recognised the need to confirm arrangements rather than assume they will continue. **Action: BP** to contact Richard Hunt to confirm whether he is willing and able to mow the common again this year.

012/25 Byelaws – review and discuss updating

The Committee discussed updating the byelaws, as recommended by Open Spaces and Wellers Law Group. It was noted that the current byelaws, dating back to 1954, are outdated, no longer fully relevant, and need to be revised to align with current laws. Additionally, they must address new challenges, such as fly-tipping and travellers. **Action: JO** to obtain a quote from Wellers Law Group to help update the byelaws. JP will provide assistance with the project as needed.

013/25 Agree on recommendations to present to Parish Council

The Committee agreed to recommend to the Full Council the update of the 1954 byelaws.

014/25 Items for the agenda for the next CEGMC meeting

Wildflower Project update - BP

SCGM update – OŽ

Grass management relating to promoting wildflowers/biodiversity – OŽ

Updating Byelaws Project - JO

015/25 Agree date for June meeting

10th June

Meeting Closed: 8:47pm