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MINUTES OF THE VERDERERS' GRAZING SCHEME MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 22nd November 2017

Present:

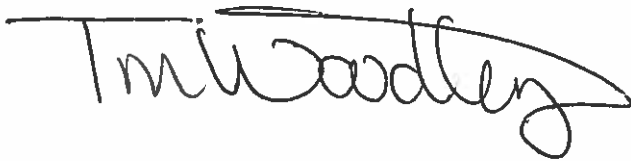
Lord Manners (OV)	- Official Verderer
Mr R Deakin (RD)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs D Westerhoff (DW)	- Natural England Appointed Verderer
Mr H Mills (HM)	- Defra Appointed Verderer
Mr D Readhead (DR)	- Elected Verderer
Mrs T Woodley (TW)	- VGS Administrator

IN COMMITTEE in the Verderers' Meeting Room

Item	Item	Action
1. Apologies	None	
2. Declarations of interest	DR and RD declared their membership of the VGS. RD and DR are members of the New Forest Livestock Society. DR and RD are members of the New Forest Pony Breeders and Cattle Society. OV and HM have tenants who are in the VGS and one is a fencing contractor. HM has an interest in NFLAS. DR and RD are committee members of the CDA DW is a trustee for the New Forest Trust.	
3. Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising	Minutes of the last meeting were approved TW supplied the board with a copy of the list of driftway and sightline fencing compiled since the last meeting and also the annual inspection sheet for the Agisters to complete at the same time as they do their annual pound inspections. DR reported that the microchipping at the Beaulieu Road Sales continued to be well supported and has proven to be beneficial to the success of the Autumn sales.	
4. VGS Cross checks – Due diligence	TW supplied a report detailing the following; 517 VGS forms have been returned for 2017 compared to 489 in 2016. Cattle and Pig confirmation of qualifying periods letters have been sent and most have now been returned. TW supplied a report on the annual feeding area inspection that had taken place in June 2017. The board were pleased with the positive comments received from NE. DR informed TW that a new feeding area has been arranged at Lush's Farm in agreement with NE in an effort to reduce ground poaching in that area.	

10. VGS Rule Breaches	<p>Following a review of Mrs Tillmans 2016 VGS penalty by the Official Verderer the board followed his recommendation to reduce the penalty to 50% of her 2016 VGS grant.</p> <p>The board discussed a matter of SSSI damage at Pondhead and concluded that as a result of correspondence received from Mrs Mabbutt and the Limewood Hotel that no further action would be taken on this occasion.</p>	
11. AOB	No board members had anything to raise under AOB.	
12. Date for next Meeting	The next VGS meetings will be Wednesday 6 th June 2018 2pm and Wednesday 28 th November 2018 2pm.	

T Woodley
VGS Administrator



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