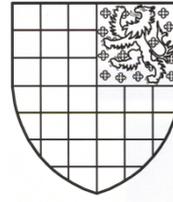


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To: Cllrs Bird; Burrows; Handy; Henman; O'Keeffe; Sains and Vernon

A Meeting of the **Landport Bottom Management Committee** will be held on **Wednesday 7th October 2020**, via Zoom video-link (*please see below*) at **7:00pm** which you are summoned to attend.

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S Brigden, Town Clerk 1st October 2020

AGENDA

1. QUESTION TIME

To consider any questions received regarding items on the agenda for this meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

To receive apologies from members of the committee who are unable to attend.

3. MEMBER'S DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

To note declarations of any personal or prejudicial interests in matters on this agenda.

4. MINUTES

To agree Minutes of the meeting held on 7th July 2020.

(attached **page 3**)

5. REPORT by SPECIALIST ADVISER

To receive a progress report from Lewes District Council's Specialist Adviser

(notes attached **page 6**)

6. UPDATE TO SITE MANAGEMENT PLAN

To consider an updated Plan

(discussion draft to follow)

For further information about items on this agenda please contact the Town Clerk BY E-MAIL at the above address

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE – Covid-19 emergency arrangements:

Members of the public have the right, and are welcome, to attend* this meeting of the Council – questions regarding items on the agenda may be heard at the start of the meeting with the Mayor's consent. Questions or requests to address the Council must be submitted by email to the Town Clerk at least 3 days in advance.

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LBMC2020/09

HISTORIC RACECOURSE SIGN

Permission had previously been agreed for the Lewes Racecourse History Group to site a commemorative wrought-iron sign on Council land. There had recently been some contention in social media as to the ownership of the sign, but TC advised that he had been provided with sufficient detail of the history of its origination that he was satisfied it was the Group’s property. The sign was understood to be awaiting some re-finishing and delivery of a new mounting post; and could then be placed as agreed with the Group.

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There being no further business, the Chairman declared the meeting closed, and thanked everyone for their attendance. *The meeting closed at 8:45pm.*

Signed date

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LDC Specialist Advisor (Ranger) Progress Report 07/10/20

Grazing

- Two separate groups of Southdown sheep were tupped (mated) at Landport Bottom. The group being serviced in the small field did well and the shepherd reports many successful pregnancies. The group in the Tumuli field did not do so well with less pregnancies. This could have been because the ram was young and inexperienced or could have been increased disturbance or some other factor. This group of 10 sheep will be removed for a second attempt back at Plumpton College
- All ewes – a mixture of pregnant and not breeding ewes including Southdowns and other breeds - have been moved to the pond field where they will spend most of the winter.

Cutting

- Annual cut and collect has been taking place in parts of all fields.

Infrastructure

- Some new permanent oak signs warning of sheep in fields have been installed and others are being repaired. These signs have a significant effect on the amount of sheep worrying.
- Contractors continue to repair gates and fences as needed

Surveys

- The flora survey attracted skilled plant surveyors from all over Sussex including some locals and friends of Landport Bottom. The grassland was surveyed using the HLS-plus assessment method with many plants beyond what the stewardship agreement requires also recorded.
- Overall the numbers and frequencies of indicator species has increased slightly since the last full surveys in 2015 and 2018. Chalk grassland restoration is a slow process.