Stockland Parish Council

There will be a Meeting of a Working Group of the **Councillors on the Turbaries Management Committee on Monday, 11th April, Victory Hall, from 10am.**

AGENDA

1) Email from FWAG about the issues of possible double counting for the WMP; "In order to drop out certain duplicate parcels within the Higher Tier Woodland Management Plan (AG986346) and the HLS Agreements;

   a) **Horner Hill**; there is a mapping issue at Horner Hill which means that 0.8 hectares of woodland can't currently be claimed under the new Higher Tier agreement; these parcels to be removed from the new Higher Tier agreement and extend the HLS agreement until the RPA stops offering extensions; losing, £80 pa for 4 years. **Outcome: remove 0.8ha Woodland parcels & extend Horner HLS.**
   b) **Quantock Turbary**; a very complicated mosaic of habitats that requires careful management; approximately 8 hectares of woodland aren't claimable under the new Higher Tier (worth £800 pa) **Outcome: reject HLS Extension for this year and also remove from Higher Tier Agreement. Put in a new, mixed Higher Tier agreement to cover the whole area for a January 2023 start date.**
   c) **Shortmoor;** are not complying with the lowland heathland management (option HO2) of the HLS agreement for parcel ST2204 7812 as this area has reverted to scrub/ woodland providing that they remain in the Higher Tier agreement you will be able to claim for them in 2023. **Outcome: accept no further extensions to the HLS Agreement (and it was removed in Dec 2021) and add them to a new Higher Tier Application alongside Quantock Common starting in 2023, that covers the whole of each site where possible? Complete Higher Tier application form by end of April 2022.**
   d) **Bucehayes;** identify if it would benefit from management under a new Higher Tier alongside Quantock Common as it was left out of the current Higher Tier Agreement. **Outcome: current HLS Agreement to be shared with FWAG**

2) Cost of the work to put a new Higher Tier application together for Quantock, Shortmoor and Bucehayes Turbaries will take 2-3 days, cheapest way to do this will be to add on the cost of FWAG membership at £60 + VAT, which will mean that we can put you on our best day rate of £380/ day + VAT."

Ken Pearson
Clerk to the Council,
8th April 2022