

EXMOOR PONY SOCIETY

Report from the Committee Meeting held on Monday, 26th February 2018 at Winsford Village Hall

Present:

Mrs C Bigge, Mr D Brewer (Chairman), Mrs S Burger, Mr M Dewhurst, Mrs F Dickson, Mr N Hill, Mrs V Lamb, Mrs G Langdon, Mrs C Phillips, Mr R Taylor, Mr D Wallace and Mrs April Westcott.

Mrs S Mansell (Treasurer) and Mrs S McGeever (Secretary) were also in attendance.

Mr David Brewer opened the meeting at 11.00am and then thanked everyone present for attending the meeting.

In accordance with meeting protocol, the Trustees noted that they were obliged to make a declaration of interest should any matter discussed potentially affect them directly. It was also noted that under the Data Protection Act certain items discussed should remain confidential.

The following items were discussed:

The Minutes of the meeting on 4th December 2017 were approved as an accurate reflection of the discussions and were duly signed by the Chairman.

The Society continued to comply with the Minimum Operating Procedures for Passport Issuing Offices and the requirement to upload data to the Central Equine Database and continued to monitor DEFRA legislation and EU Zootech legislation.

The Society was working towards compliance with the new General Data Protection Regulations and a working party had been set up to complete the paperwork.

The Society's work with regard to the registration of ponies of known parentage continued and inspection guidelines and paperwork were under annual review.

The Trustees would be putting forward revised Articles of Association and Showing Rules to the 2018 AGM.

Society and joint initiatives such as the Genome Project, Young Judge's Competition, Exmoor Pony Festival, Show Affiliations and Pony of the Year continued to be progressed.

The Trustees continued to monitor the actions of individuals who put forward information to the media and having carefully considered public response and weighed up the need to carry out its charitable aims and objectives as agreed by its members against the time and expense of becoming involved in lengthy dialogues and of taking legal action decided that the ongoing work of the Society should take precedent.