

YORKSHIRE DALES NATIONAL PARK AUTHORITY

26th September 2006

FEEDBACK FROM MEMBERS

Appended to this report is a report from the following member who has represented the Authority:

Appendix – Cecil Hammond who represented the Authority at a meeting of the Grassington Moor Management Association on 27th July 2006.

RICHARD PARKIN
SECRETARIAT OFFICER

Background documents: None

14th September 2006

A meeting of the Grassington Moor Management Association held on the 27 July 2006

Present were 4 graziers of the moor; 2 National Park Officers A Hulme and P Richards; Shelagh Marshall; the new game keeper of the moor; and CH.

There is quite a lot of open mine shafts on the moor. English Heritage had been contacted as to what would be acceptable in terms of preserving the mine shafts, and a site meeting is to be arranged with English Heritage this Autumn. Bolton Abbey Estate had supplied details of a survey that they had done of the mine shafts, to the NPA.

A timber bridge erected across a stream without permission and deemed to be unsafe is to be removed.

A grazier reported that some of the gripping which I think was probably done in the 1960/70 is beginning to cause problems by washing out under the edges of the grips and making the turf on top unsafe to walk on by humans or sheep. For member information the grips mentioned above were made by a plough type of machine on caterpillar tracks which traversed boggy parts of the uplands to drain them. This has turned out to be a big mistake by allowing rain and snow melt to reach rivers faster than the slow drainage before the grips were made, which to some extent can now exacerbate flooding of the lowlands. I believe that in some areas attempts to block these grips are being made by putting straw bales in them and allowing silt to build up. It sounds as if something like this might have to be looked at on Grassington Moor in future (by who?) bearing in mind that the Moor is now classed as open access.

Cecil Hammond
14th September 2006