

**EPHING FOREST & COMMONS COMMITTEE**  
**Friday, 25 January 2013**

Minutes of the meeting of the Epping Forest & Commons Committee held at Epping  
Forest - The Warren on Friday, 25 January 2013 at 11.30 am

**Present**

**Members:**

Alderman Gordon Haines (Chairman)  
Barbara Newman (Deputy Chairman)  
Deputy John Barker  
Alderman Robert Hall (Ex-Officio Member)  
Verderer Peter Adams  
Verderer Michael Chapman  
Verderer Richard Morris  
Verderer Dr. Joanna Thomas

**Officers:**

Peter Nelson	- Town Clerk's Department
Natasha Dogra	- Town Clerk's Department
Esther Sumner	- Town Clerk's Department
Deborah Cluett	- Comptroller and City Solicitor's Department
Sue Ireland	- Director of Open Spaces
Paul Thomson	- Superintendent, Epping Forest
Juliane Heinecke	- Open Spaces

**1. APOLOGIES**

Apologies had been received from Deputy Currie, Alderman Garbutt, Gregory Lawrence, Virginia Rounding and Dr Hardwick.

**2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

There were no Declarations under the Code of Conduct.

**3. DRAFT REGISTER OF COMMONERS**

The Chairman welcomed Members and Verderers to the special meeting of the Committee, and invited officers to present the draft Register of Commoners.

In response to a query regarding the occupancy of land, Officers informed Members that an occupier should "stand in a comprehensive stable relationship with the land" and that registration eligibility should therefore apply to "owners and tenants of relevant land, not to persons with nothing more than uses pursuant to documentation (if there is any at all) merely purporting to permit such uses".

The Committee discussed the status of the City of London Corporation as a Commoner of Epping Forest. Members said that whilst the City had decided not to exercise their vote in the Election of Verderers, the City could still register as a Commoner. Members asked Officers to action this by submitting a claim form to register the City of London as a Commoner.

It was agreed that some entries required further investigation from officers and the Superintendent. Officers would present an updated Register to the next meeting of the Committee.

**RESOLVED:**

**The Committee noted the Register of Commoners.**

4. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE COMMITTEE**  
There were none.
5. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**  
There was no urgent business.

**The meeting ended at 12.45 pm**

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Chairman

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