

Together the Parishes of East and West Putford cover a large area but have a small and ageing population. Our primary school and Methodist Chapel and Meeting Hall have been closed, the football and cricket clubs no longer function, The W.I. has gone, we have problems recruiting anyone onto The Parish Council and we have no pub, shop, post office, telephone box nor street light.

We do not own Common Moor, a SSSI, nor have any legal rights to it. We have no mandate from our community to be involved in it and have already spent well over £1,000 in negotiations with N.E. to do so, money which, arguably, could have been better spent for our parishioners whose financial well being The Council has a duty to protect.

Despite all of this N.E. has requested us to manage Common Moor using a plan commissioned by N.E. from D.W.T. without our prior knowledge nor consent.

To safeguard the well being of our community any agreement we make with N.E. for our participation in the management of Common Moor is conditional on the following:

1. The Parish can withdraw from the agreement after 2, 3, 5 or 7 years of a 10 year agreement and at any time that:
 - a. We cannot fulfill our administrative requirements,
 - b. The R.P.A. is late with payments,
 - c. The Parish does not consider the agreement produces sufficient funds for the Parish's requirements.
2. No penalties will be sought from The Parish for any cause or reason,
3. The Parish will not be responsible for the management of any archeological site that is the responsibility of H.E., D.C.C. Archeological Services or any similar body.