

Management Plan - Monkwood Green Common and SSSI v2 FINAL. Agreed Feb 2021.

Table 1 - Management Action by Season

Season	Management Area	Management activities
Winter (Dec, Jan, Feb)	Grazing only (Areas A3 & B)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut.
	Spring Meadow (Areas C1, C2 & C3)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut.
	Summer Meadows (A1, A2, D1, D2 & E)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut.
Spring (March, April, May)	Grazing only (Areas A3 & B)	Grazing encouraged. Avoid over-grazing but have enough animals to deter invading coarse grasses.
	Spring Meadow (Areas C1, C2 & C3)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut.
	Summer Meadows (A1, A2, D1, D2 & E)	Grazing. Employ "spring bite" grazing from March to about April, depending on season.
Summer (June, July, Aug)	Grazing only (Areas A3 & B)	Grazing encouraged. Avoid over-grazing but have enough animals to deter invading coarse grasses. (Area B only - mow in July if the season has been too wet for grazing).
	Spring Meadow (Areas C1, C2 & C3)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut until July. July to mid September - put grazing animals on if available.
	Summer Meadows (A1, A2, D1, D2 & E)	Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut.
Autumn (Sept, Oct, Nov)	Grazing only (Areas A3 & B)	Light occasional grazing. Suspend grazing if ground is very wet.
	Spring Meadow (Areas C1, C2 & C3)	July to mid September - put grazing animals on if available. After 17 th September - cut if not already grazed (remove arisings). Grow ungrazed thereafter.
	Summer Meadows (A1, A2, D1, D2 & E)	AFTER 17 th September - Cut and remove hay after wildflowers have dropped their seeds in September/October depending on lateness of season. Grow ungrazed after September cut.

Table 2 – Management Actions by Management Area

Grazing only. (Areas A3 & B)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Grazing encouraged in Spring and Summer. Retain gorse and petty whin, promoting the latter Avoid over-grazing but have enough animals (including sheep, geese, etc. as well as cattle) to deter invading coarse grasses. Light occasional grazing in autumn if required BUT MUST have regard to enclosure regulations. (Nb Temporary fencing can be erected on commons for up to 6 months). https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carrying-out-works-on-common-land Area B only - mow in July if the season has been too wet for grazing Area A3 strictly unsuitable for grazing from November to February due to anthills and soft ground.
Spring Meadows. (Areas C1, C2 & C3)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut October to July. Summer Grazing - July to mid September - put grazing animals on if available. After 17th September – Cut if not grazed (removing arisings).
Summer Meadows. (Areas A1, A2, D1, D2 & E)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut October to end of February. Spring grazing - Employ "spring bite" grazing from March to about April, depending on season. Allow to grow ungrazed and uncut May through to September. Cut for hay after wildflowers have dropped their seeds in September/October depending on lateness of season. Remove all hay.
Monitor ecology at all times. The above may have to be adjusted if ecological monitoring indicates changes are needed for Favourable Conservation Status and Biodiversity Net Gain.	

Illustration 1 – Large scale 'At A Glance' map of the different management areas

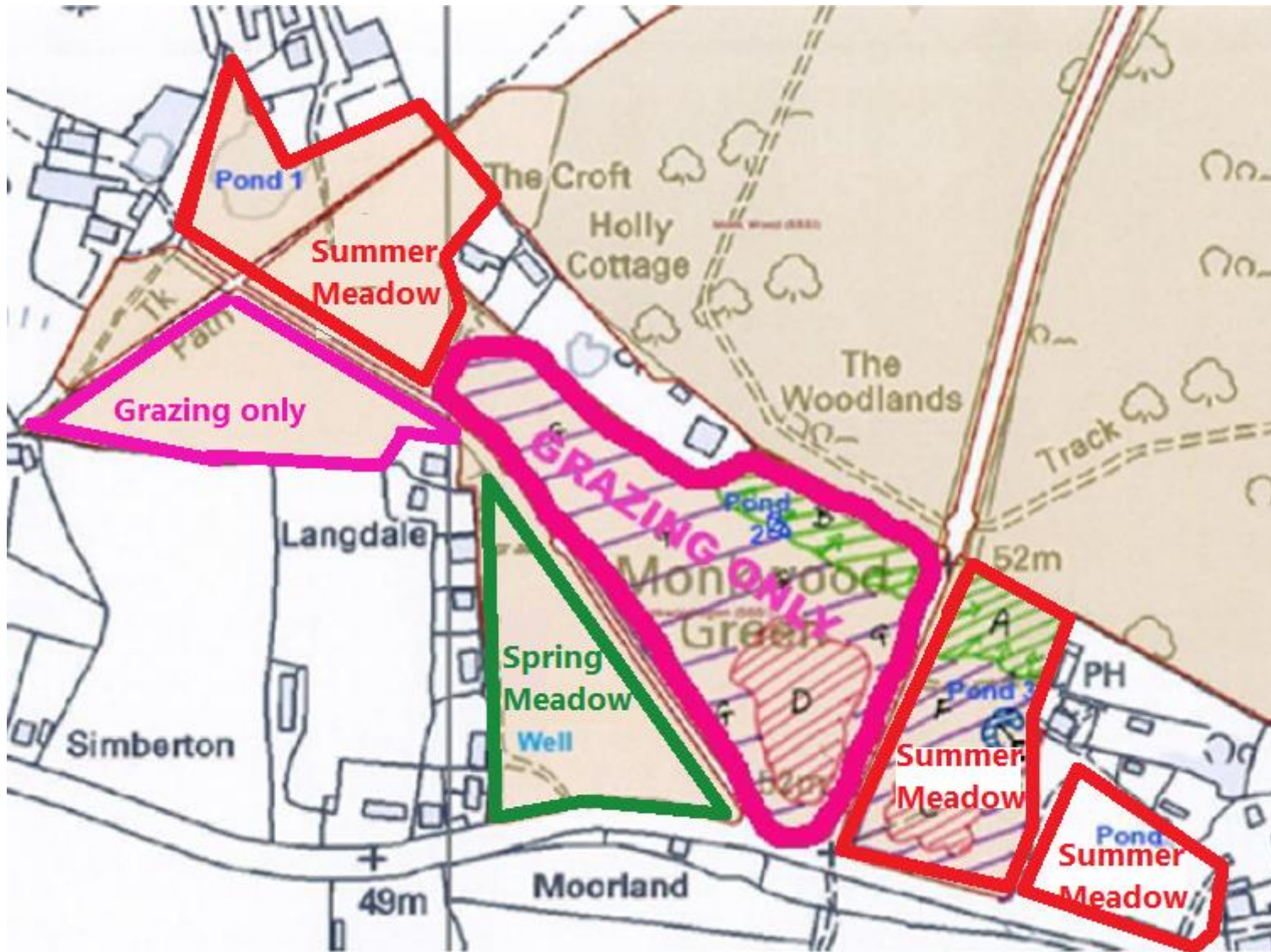


Illustration 2 – Detailed boundaries of each management area

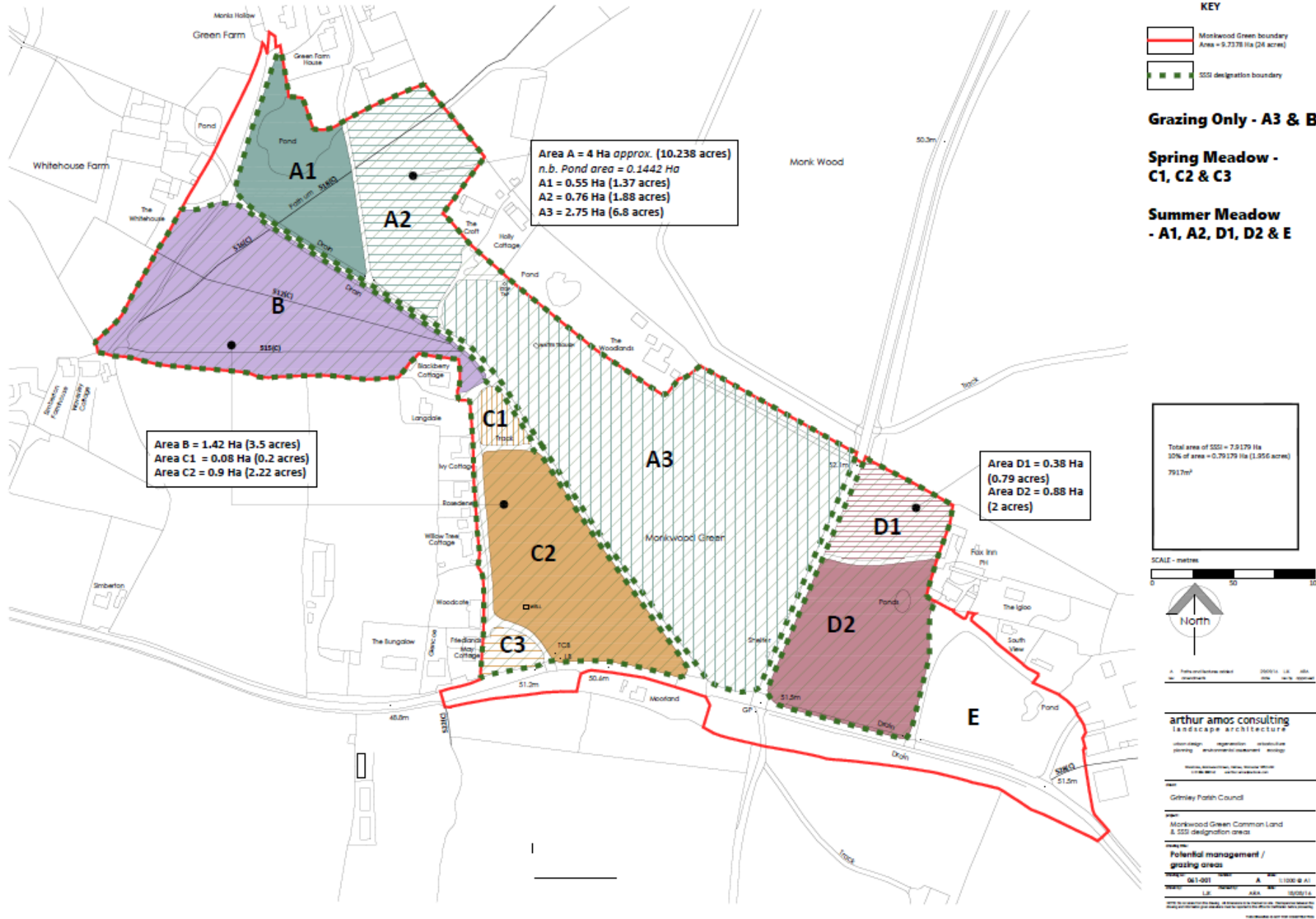
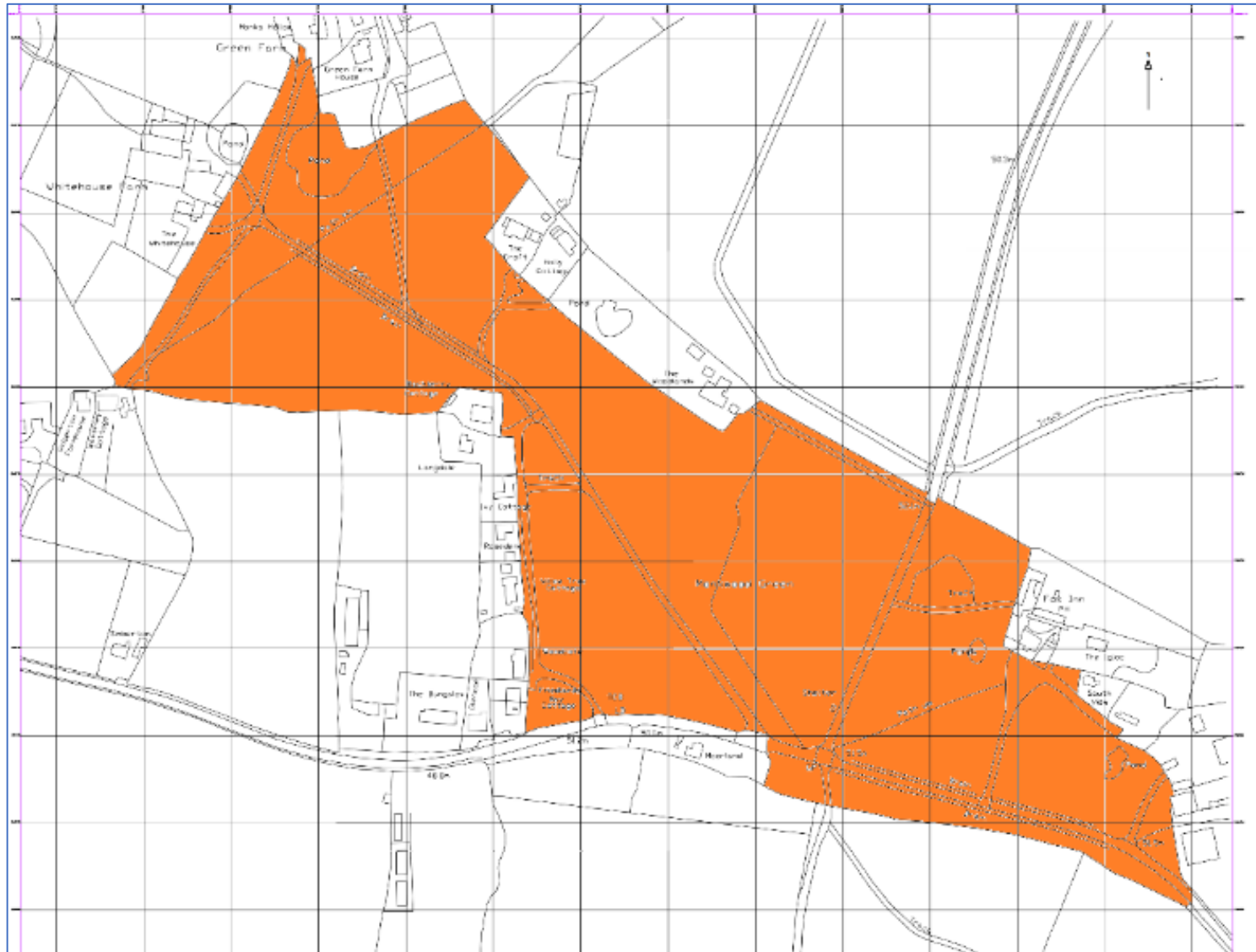


Illustration 3 – Extent of Parish Council ownership



V.1 of this document went for consultation with Commoners, resident and contractors 01/12/2020