

Blackdown Hills
 Parish Network
 Steering Group

MINUTES BHPN STEERING GROUP Tuesday April 4 2017 at 10.00 AONB meeting room

Attendance:

Heather Stallard	Chair	Alison Weekes	Clayhidon PC
Lisa Turner	AONB Planning Officer	Jocelyn Pritchard	Hemyock PC
Ken Pearson	Clerk to Stockland PC,	Neil Punnett	Hemyock PC
Catherine Bass	Co-ordinator		
Graham Long	Upottery PC	Apologies: Mike Bell	Membury PC

1. Minutes of meeting February 24 2017 were agreed

Matters arising:

- Negative response from DALC to BHPN application for membership of DALC was discussed. **CB**
 CB to check whether other parish networks have had similar problems in joining local ALCs in other areas and also to talk with Angie Hurren,, as recommended by Paul Diviani.
- Culm Community Crayfish: application has been sent to HLF, BHPN was thanked for its collective letter of support from the Upper Culm Parishes.
- MP meeting: draft letter previously circulated was approved following a few amendments. **CB**
 To suggest the next meeting with the MPs for the Autumn recess, Thurs or Fri 9/10 November 2017, enclosing a copy of the recently published leaflet re Housing and Planning in the Blackdown Hills.

*Note post meeting: General Election called for June 9th:
 Date for November meeting will be set with the relevant incumbents following this.*

2. Finances

The accounts are being prepared for audit by Frances Parslow for presentation at the AGM. All but one subscription for 2016-2017 received.
 Thanks recorded to AONB for paying for the printing of the newly prepared Housing and Planning Leaflet.

3. Reports from work groups

a Planning & Housing:

- CB had completed the draft Housing and Planning leaflet supplied by NP, JP & LT and now printed. Agreed to distribute to all subscribing parishes allowing for one copy per parish councillor; one copy to be sent to all non-subscribing parishes, indicating that this is the first in a series of leaflets to be publishes approximately quarterly to address all working group areas. Leaflets supplied at meeting for distribution to Stockland, Upottery, Hemyock, Clayhidon, Culmstock and Kentisbeare **CB**

b Communications

- GL to produce a guide to Broadband communications and connectivity in the AONB area for publication after the Connecting Devon & Somerset close their extended voucher scheme (July publication). Meanwhile an announcement is expected from CDS re outcomes of bidding for Lots 1&4 commercial link south to north through Buckland St mary to Bradford on Tone which will link Corfe, Blagdon, Wadeford, Buckland St Mary on the way. **GL/CB**

Traffic, Transport and Highways

- c** • JP collecting responses from parishes to a circulated questionnaire regarding aspects of traffic, community transport, highway maintenance etc. Publications in November, draft to be available in August. **JP**

4. Request for letter of support re work in Clayhidon Village Hall & Smeatharpe Village Hall

AW requested a letter of support from the BHPN for the development proposed for Clayhidon Village Hall. CB to write. GL to inform CB of the contact in Smeatharpe to write to in support of the appeal for the re-roofing the Village Hall. **CB/GL**

5 Any Other Business

AW: concerned at the apparent lack of regard for Neighbourhood plans by local authority in Clayhidon, what is the experience of others? KP reported that Stockland had recently used their NP successfully to modify a school application in the parish.

6 Date of next meeting

Steering Group May 16 at 10 am in AONB office.

BHPN AGM June 29th 2017, CB to contact Yarcombe parish(new member) to request use of the hall and possibly the Community pub to offer a popup bar for the evening.