Blackdown Hills
Parish Network
Steering Group

MINUTES BHPN STEERING GROUP   Friday 5 April 2019 14.30   AONB meeting Room

Attendance:

Heather Stallard	Chair, Hemyock PC	Bob Nelson	Broadhembury PC
Catherine Bass	Co-ordinator	Ken Pearson	Clerk to Stockland PC
Graham Long	Upottery PC	Lisa Turner	AONB Planning Officer
		Alison Weekes	Clayhidon PC

1   **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**
Minutes of meeting February 15 2019 were approved.
Matters arising:
Responses for MPs as submitted by KP re planning and rural housing to be sent to Offices of Neil Parish and Rebecca Pow.   **CB**

2.   Finances
Current balance £1217.06.21. 2019-202 subs received from Culmstock, Kentisbeare, Buckland St Mary, Dunkeswell, Broadhembury, Stockland, Yarcombe, Otterford and Membury (total contributed to date £957.45). Anticipate further contributions (c.£850) from Monkton, Combe Raleigh, Neroche, Hemyock, Cotleigh, Pitminster, Upottery, Clayhidon, Tatworth & Forton and Churchstanton. Reminders in the Newsletter.
2018-2019 accounts to be prepared asap.   **CB**

3.   Draft circulation to all Clerks
Draft previously circulated and amendments agreed. Final to be re-circulated prior to distribution to all Clerks and Parish Meeting Chairs   **CB**

4.   Updates re broadband correspondence and publicity of delayed decision re revised Gigaclear plan.
GL updated the meeting on activity relating to the impasse regarding CDS and Gigaclear's proposal to extend the timeframe to complete their contract. It is now apparent that the decision to extend the contract (no additional funding) must wait outcome of the Autumn spending review in November 2019, 14 months after Gigaclear submitted their new plan to CDS who have yet to accept the revised schedule. **GL** to maintain high profile lobbying particularly of the MPs whose **GL** interventions have so far not yielded results with ministers.

5.   Blackborough House application & recent correspondence with MDDC planning
Tim Youngs (manager BHAONB) joined the meeting for this item
Consultation with the BH AONB Management Group over the first response (an objection regarding the proposed development at Blackborough House) from the AONB to MDDC planning last summer had been felt to have been somewhat rushed, being done by email over a weekend (this prompted bringing forward a planned revision of the ToR for the AONB Partnership, agreed on March 7). The BHPN also commented on the application last summer, registering concern about traffic, access and impact on the local community yet acknowledging the potential boost to the local economy. Following the submission of 26 new EIA assessment reports in February, the AONB has submitted a further response, without reference to the management group, which caused concern to the BHPN reps on the Management Group (BN & GL)
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TY explained that the additional comments were not circulated to the management group before submission, having felt that this was unnecessary due to the iterative

nature inherent in the planning process for an application of this sort (the comments were within the context of the original submission). He apologised for not keeping the management group informed of the comments that had been submitted. The plan is not due to come to the planning committee until June 30th.

HS was of the opinion that this is not technically a matter for the BHPN Steering Group, however all agreed with the suggestion that any comment from the AONB that would substantively alter a previous recommendation should be brought before the Management Group before submission.

GL had prepared a draft comment from the BHPN to submit to MDDC, which will be circulated to all members of the steering group together with LT's recent set of comments from the AONB relating to the new EIA assessments on the Blackborough House application.

CB

6. **Date, place and topic for next AGM**
   Date: June 26th 2019
   Place: Clayhidon Village Hall (venue tba AW) 7 for 7.30 pm
   Topic: all to suggest topics

7. **Date of next meeting**
   Monday April 29th at 2.30 pm
   AONB meeting room tba