

Parish Network Steering Group

MINUTES BHPN STEERING GROUP

Monday 10th February 2020 Culm Pyne Barton, Hemyock

Attendance:

Heather Stallard	Chair, Hemyock parish rep	Apologies	
Catherine Bass	Co-ordinator	Alison Weekes	Clayhidon PC
Graham Long	Upottery PC	Alex Stevens	Upottery PC
Daniel Lazar	Membury PC	Bob Nelson	Broadhembury PC
Ken Pearson	Clerk to Stockland PC	Roger Habgood	Cllr Monument, SW&TD
Mike Canham	Otterford PC		

1 **Apologies:** Apologies from AW, BN & AS and RH

2. **Minutes of last meeting and matters arising**

Minutes of meeting Oct 28th 2019 were approved, together with the notes from the meeting with PPGs (now MPs) Rebecca Pow and Neil Parish.

Matters arising: to complete from previous minutes

- LA plans are under review/in consultation, some suggestion of movement on housing requirement in MDDC.
- The leaflets are soon to be available on the website.
- Lisa Turner checking any NPPF revisions required for the planning section on the new web page for work groups.
- Agreed to add case studies to illustrate the areas of interest
 - **MC** to offer Yarcombe estate study (Devon/Somerset county boundary issue) **MC**
 - **HS** to offer Community housing funding study **HS**
 - **BN** to be asked to write up the experience of Broadhembury in installing e-car charger points at the memorial Hall **BN**

3. **Finances**

Balance £790.66. Invitations to parishes to subscribe sent and 20/21 invoices in preparation. **CB**

4. **AONB management group:** CB has received feedback from AONB office regarding the anticipated schedule for appointments to the Management Group. The original idea was to have stakeholder groups confirming their reps following each four year local election round. The three current BHPN reps, GL, BN and MC are content to remain as reps until 2024, unless any of them steps down in the interim, in which case BHPN will replace the rep with a further nomination and election process. CB will confirm with AONB office. **CB**

5. **a: Traffic/Transport/Highways**

KP: Govt is beginning to look seriously at public transport issues in view of climate emergency, funding available for alternate energy sources. DCC has 4 people working on this, SCC currently none. Community transport is restricted due to licencing arrangements eg Blackdown Community bus can only pick up members at prearranged points under Section 19 regulation.

b: Planning/Housing – no update

c: Communications

GL: meeting with Matt Warman (Minister for Digital and Broadband) and MPs Neil Parish and Rebecca Pow rescheduled from Feb 13 to Feb 26. This is to emphasise the lack of progress on broadband rollout by CDS

d. Rural Strategy

DL updated Stg Gp on the meeting of the subgroup developing the Rural Strategy.

Opting for a visible approach, eg ;lobbying for support for e-charge points in recreational areas as well as the current three opportunities for private home owners, parishes with a lot of on-street parking and workplaces. Other visible 'sustainability

solutions' opportunities include installation of water fountains in villages to encourage refilling of water bottles.

Suggestion that the topic for the AGM in the summer is a Renewable Energy seminar.

Other points:

- Thermal imaging of properties can help pinpoint where energy losses are happening – BHPN might purchase one to lend to parish groups?
- Tree planting nurseries in primary schools (plant a seed)
- Encourage people to become more engaged with reducing their carbon footprint eg World Wildlife Fund calculator (<https://footprint.wwf.org.uk/>) – suggestion that this is running on one or two laptops at the General meeting for people to play with.

Noted that DCC has exempted Town and Parish Councils from the need to calculate their own carbon footprint.

GL noted his recent contact with Dr Daniel Lash at the Uof E Centre for Energy and the Environment.

6. Next General meeting: date Thursday Feb 27th in Broadhembury Memorial Hall.

Topics for discussion:

- Speaker re the Dunkeswell Abbey research has been invited, no reply to date. CB to follow up. **CB**
- Date has been circulated to all parishes **CB**

Meeting plan:

7.30 introductions

7.35 Guest speaker

8.05 questions

8.20 short break

8.30 Report back on recent meeting with MPs HS et al **All**

8.40 Explain new Rural Strategy to embrace work groups, web based advice in future and case studies; ideas for what parishes can do now to help mitigate climate emergency BN? **BN??**

8.50 Feedback from mtg 26/2/2020 with Matt Warman **GL**

9.00 Self help opportunities to share with other parishes MC/ BN?? **MC/BN**

9.10 Feedback & Discussion from audience, close at 9.30

KP will supply nibbles and soft drinks via Churchinford Community Shop

BN/CB to check with Memorial Hall re possibility of selling beer/ wine by sale or return and check glasses are available. **BN/CB**

7. Date of next meeting:

Monday 10.00 March 30th 2020 at Culm Pyne (HS)