

Blackdown Hills
 Parish Network
 Steering Group

Minutes of the meeting held on Wednesday 19th June at 11 am
 Culm Pyne Barton, Hemyock

Present:	Heather Stallard	HS
	Lisa Turner	LT
	Catherine Bass	CB
	Bruce Payne	BP
	Cathy Gardner	CG
	Ken Pearson	KP
Apologies:	Geoffrey Sworder	GS

Item	Minutes	Action
1.	New Steering Group member Cathy Gardner was welcomed. Minutes of the last Steering Group meeting were reviewed and agreed.	
2.	Matters arising taken within agenda.	
3.	<p>Action Groups</p> <p>a. Communications/ website</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TBDC voluntary and community fund has supplied a grant of £1000 toward the development of the website , training and developing advertising. Separate account to be kept for evidence of expenditure. Free training with Cosmic is now used, further training will be charged at £90 per five people per hour. Populating the website remains an issue, as available time for all is limited. LT suggested that she ask a volunteer currently helping at the AONB office to see if she can devote some time to assist. Opportunities for parishes to advertise their communal facilities available for hire or rent have not been taken up to date, advertising take up is also slow. Event notifications are beginning to be notified. CB to write to Parish Clerks requesting they put Blackdowns Online on their next agenda item as well sending a poster for display on their notice-boards to encourage engagement. A self help group will be set up from among already trained individuals to assist in populating parish pages that are being developed. CB to organise a group meeting in the w/b 22/7/13 in a web enabled room. Individuals to bring their own wireless laptops if possible. This to be followed up by a semi-regular drop-in session as more people get training. A Facebook page has been set up in response to the suggestion from the AGM. Imagery is awaited from Cosmic before notifying the Network. Discussed other communication opportunities and agreed to take up newspaper and other paper publications again, esp. View from the Blackdowns (Axminster and Honiton)which appears to be improving its content again. Other paper groups include the Gazette group in Somerset, Mid Devon Group, Wellington Weekly and the Mid Week Herald. <p>b. Traffic, Transport Highways</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> CB to forward email re Devon road policy to the Stg Gp received via Graham Long. KP to forward this to his Somerset County Council Highways contact for comment and to see whether similar policies are being adopted by SCC. County policies need to be clarified and specific policy for local roads established. The action group needs much more detail of road maintenance issues in 	<p>CB</p> <p>LT/CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>CB</p> <p>KP/CB</p>

