

# Parish Network Steering Group

MINUTES BHPN STEERING GROUP

Monday October 31 2016 at 14.00

AONB meeting room

**Attendance:**

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

**1. Minutes of meeting September 12 2016 were agreed**

Matters arising: Report on the consultation re Monkton bypass and other proposals to improve traffic flow on A30/303 is not yet published.

**2. Finances**

Closing balance at 31.10.2017 £1132.76

One new member, Neroche, has contributed £50

Two of 18 members have paid this year's sub (two more subscriptions received since the meeting)

**3. Meeting Updates**

- a** MPs: meeting date confirmed THURSDAY NOVEMBER 10<sup>th</sup> 14.00- 16.00 at Corfe Village Hall. Neil Parish (Tiverton & Honiton) and Rebecca Pow (Taunton Deane) in attendance, Marcus Fysh (Yeovil) to be kept informed. Four main topics to cover, each led by one Stg Gp member (each will prepare brief notes in advance):

Introduction by lead	Max	5-7 mins
Additional comments from other Steering Group members		5 mins
Response from MPs		10 mins
Wrap-up and agree action points - all		5 mins

HS to invite Bruce Payne to Chair the meeting. LT unable to attend, Linda Bennett will represent AONB. Full agenda and Notes from leads attached.

- b** CB reported back on phone correspondence with SCC and DCC re a joint meeting with both county Highways groups. SCC has so far to respond appropriately, DCC responded with a helpful phone call but reluctant to meet. KP to pursue through TTH working group.

- c** TTH working group due to meet after further correspondence with county Highways. **KP**

**4. BHPN role and identity**

- a** HS, NP and JP had discussed preparing a report on an appropriate route for BHPN to gain recognition as a legal entity, however the need is less pressing as a result of more recent developments for broadband in the area.

CB still to contact DALC, SALC (and NALC if necessary) to pursue membership of both local groups. **CB**

- b** Discussed paper circulated by GL prior to the meeting re Rural Parliaments which have been mooted in some other areas of the UK. EFRA select committee may be interested in this. Discussed ways of raising BHPN profile as a voice for all the community, a number of other organisations do this eg Community Councils, CPRS, CLA. KP suggested we introduce BHPN to Rural Services Network, CB to contact. **CB**

**5. Agenda for General mtg November 24<sup>th</sup>**

Agreed to set this agenda directly after the MP mtg on November 10<sup>th</sup> for immediate circulation. **CB**

**6. AOB & Date of next meeting**

There was no other business, the next Steering Group meeting after the MP mtg will set the General meeting agenda. CB to confirm with venue. **CB**