

BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP

**Minutes of the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership Management Group held on
Thursday, 6th July 2017 at Forbes Lounge, Hemyock Village Hall**

Present:

Bruce Payne (vice-chairman)
Cllr Dave Durdan
Cllr Martin Wale
Gordon Field
Heather Stallard
Graham Long
Dr Margaret Hall
David Northcote-Wright
Elaine Hayes
Bob Nelson

Special Appointee
Taunton Deane Borough Council
South Somerset District Council
Blackdown Hills Artist & Makers
Blackdown Hills Business Association
Blackdown Hills Parish Network
CPRE, East Devon & Exeter
Somerset Wildlife Trust
Special Appointee
Blackdown Hills Parish Network

Also present:

Blackdown Hills AONB staff team: Linda Bennett (LB), Jackie Vaughan (JV), Lisa Turner (LT),
Blackdown Hills Natural Futures Manager: James Maben (JM)
Nature & Wellbeing Project Officer: Kristen Lambert (KL)

Members of the public: One member of the public was present

Apologies: Cllr Paul Diviani (chairman) (East Devon District Council); Cllr John Berry (Devon County Council); Cllr John Thorne (Somerset County Council); Cllr Frank Rosamond (Mid Devon District Council); David Westbrook (Natural England); Mark Pope (National Farmers Union); Clare Groom (AONB staff team); John Greenshields (Blackdown & East Devon Woodland Association); Martin Turner (Blackdown Hills Hedge Association); Jocelyn Pritchard (Blackdown Hills Parish Network); Simon Larkins (National Trust); Peter Chamberlain (Devon County Council)

ITEM 1 Welcome, introductions and apologies

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were carried out.

ITEM 2 Questions from the public

No questions were raised.

ITEM 3 Minutes and matters arising from 2nd March 2017

Amendments

6.3

EH: Replace 'tourism marketing agency' with 'Wild Somerset project'

DNW: Amend to read: Somerset Wildlife Trust is increasingly concerned about fly-tipping in the area, especially Dommett Wood and Quants, which has increased since the introduction of restrictions on items that can be taken free to local waste recycling centres in Somerset. It is feared that the situation will worsen with the proposed introduction of three weekly rather than fortnightly waste collections later this year. When waste is dumped on private land it becomes the responsibility of the landowner.