

**BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP**

**Minutes of the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership Management Group held on  
Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 Dommatt 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.