

**BLACKDOWN HILLS AONB PARTNERSHIP**

**Minutes of the Blackdown Hills AONB Partnership Management Group held on  
Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> July 2018 at Blackdown Healthy Living Centre, Hemyock**

**Present:**

Cllr Frank Rosamond  
Cllr Martin Wale  
Cllr Dave Durdan  
Cllr John Thorne  
Donna Gowler  
Graham Long  
Simon Larkins  
Heather Stallard  
Bob Nelson  
Elaine Hayes  
John Greenshields

Mid Devon District Council  
South Somerset District Council  
Taunton Deane Borough Council  
Somerset County Council  
Natural England  
Blackdown Hills Parish Network  
National Trust  
Blackdown Hills Business Association  
Blackdown Hills Parish Network  
Special Appointee  
Blackdown Hills Woodland Association

**Also present:**

Blackdown Hills AONB staff team: Tim Youngs (TY), Jackie Vaughan (JV), Lisa Turner (LT), Peter Chamberlain (Devon County Council)

**Apologies:** Cllr Paul Diviani (East Devon District Council); Cllr John Berry (Devon County Council); Martin Turner (Blackdown Hills Hedge Association); David Northcote-Wright (Somerset Wildlife Trust); Bruce Payne (Special Appointee); Mark Pope (National Farmers Union); Penny Mills/Chris Lewis (CPRE, Devon/Somerset); Gordon Field (Blackdown Hills Artist & Makers); Jocelyn Pritchard (Blackdown Hills Parish Network); Clare Groom (Blackdown Hills AONB); James Maben (Culm Community Crayfish Project),

ITEM 1 Introduction	By whom
Cllr. Rosamond acted as chair in the absence of Cllr Diviani & Bruce Payne. The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were carried out.	
<b>Workshop: Blackdown Hills AONB Alignment with Defra's 25-year environment plan</b> Paper circulated at the meeting	
<p><b>Discussion on how the AONB's work will support the delivery of Defra's 25-year environment plan through the AONB management plan, core &amp; project work.</b> Discussion papers attached to the minutes for reference.</p> <p><b>EH: 1.</b> AONB Planning Officer should meet with newly appointed local authority planners and discuss best practice for working with the AONB.</p> <p><b>2.</b> The AONB 2019-2024 Delivery Plan should include an extra column showing how it relates to Defra's 25-year Environment Plan.</p> <p><b>JG: 1.</b> Agreed to join any groups discussing woodland activity.</p> <p><b>2.</b> Column needs to be added to the paper to include villages &amp; settlements as these are an important part of the landscape.</p> <p><b>MW:</b> How to attract funding for all the projects needs to be included in the plan.</p> <p><b>Ecosystem Approach paper:</b> A subgroup including TY, LT, EH, BP &amp; DNW looked at the ecosystem approach within the AONB Partnership and as part of this outlined the natural capital we have in the AONB and what we know about it. This will then inform the 2019-2024 AONB Management Plan.</p>	