

Rottingdean Parish Council

Name of Advisory Group:

Natural Environment Advisory Group

Discussion Items/Briefing notes

1	<p>Beacon Hill Nature Reserve</p> <p>Note has been taken of the email submissions by members of the public and interested organisations. Ranger Nick Lane is reviewing proposals following discussion with Beacon Hill Stewardship Group.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Consideration is being given by the Ranger, Nick Lane, to the number of compartments and how they may be organised to keep a clear path along the main bridleway• Discussion is also taking place on how water can be provided and avoid unsightly piping• Nick Lane will come forward with proposals, supported by BHCC ecologists, that would hide the fence and not be an impediment to wildlife• There is ongoing consultation on the management of gates• BHCC are costing the proposals <p>At a point that a workable set of proposals is available the Stewardship Group will be convened to review and, if required, consult further.</p>
2	<p>Downland Estate</p> <p>A major BHCC project is underway to review the Downland Estate which the extensive land they own around the City. A public exercise to complete a questionnaire has been undertaken and there have been over 3500 responses. Bodies such as Sussex Wildlife have responded too.</p> <p>RPC has an opportunity to influence the future of the Downland Estate or, at least, make our position clear. A report has been written for submission by RPC and you will have received a draft copy and your comments would be appreciated.</p> <p>The report will be submitted on Wednesday 3rd March and your comments received prior to Wednesday will be considered</p>
3	<p>Pond Path</p> <p>The previously discussed proposal to improve the path around the perimeter wall of the Plough next to the pond has progressed to obtaining quotes. Our Clerk has been pushing but none are yet forthcoming. A difficulty is that we would, preferably match the existing and this is not readily available.</p> <p>A part of the proposal is to increase disabled parking in the pond area and this will be pursued separately from the path</p>
4	<p>Whiteways Path</p> <p>A request has been received from Bridget Fishleigh to look at the Whiteways bridle path. She thinks that some improvements are needed to prevent trips. A visit was made by Councillors Sheppard and Turnbull who identified 2 areas on the bridle path.</p> <p>This is the responsibility of BHCC and Councillor Turnbull will make them aware and ask them to examine the bridleway and propose any action required</p>
5	<p>Beach Huts</p> <p>We await the outcome of a BHCC feasibility study</p>

Actions		Responsibility
1	Beacon Hill Nature Reserve Recommend that a meeting of the Stewardship Group is convened	Sue John
2	Lower High Street Draft a proposal for the first stages of consultation inc. panel members Arrange the first consultation after agreement Ask for a meeting of the Project Board TBA the Clerk	Bernard Turnbull Bernard Turnbull Bernard Turnbull
3	Downlands Estate Report Submit to BHCC following approval of draft by 3 rd March 21	Bernard Turnbull
4	Whiteways bridle path Contact BHCC to investigate	Bernard Turnbull
5	Beach Chalet Await report	No action
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Completed by : B D Turnbull

NOTE: This briefing note should be sent to Parish Clerk in accordance with the Council agenda timetable