

Blandford+ Steering Group Meeting Notes
Wednesday 8th September 2021 at 10:00am in Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion

In Attendance

Cllr Carter – Chairman, BFTC

Cllr Tompsett, BPC

Cllr Cross, BFTC

Cllr Albery, BSMPC

Sybillie Maddock, BFTC Assistant Town Clerk

1. Welcome

Cllr Carter welcomed Cllr Tompsett, Cllr Cros and Cllr Albery.

2. Apologies

Frank Stock

Ian MacKay

John Stayt

Haydn White

3. Notes of the last meeting and matters arising

The minutes were accepted by a show of hands.

The Chairman thanked Cllr Tompsett for all her hard work on the publication of the referendum. She thanked all that were involved.

4. Proposal to change the name of the group to: 'The Blandford+ Monitoring Group'

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Albery and agreed by a show of hands that the name of the group will be amended to The Blandford+ Monitoring Group.

All Councils will seek approval from their respective councillors that the MOU will be updated to reflect the new name.

5. Future composition of the group

It was agreed that this item has been deferred to the next meeting.

6. B+ NP policies update (progress towards achievement)

It was agreed for Cllr Tompsett to ask Cllr Stocks to monitor changes to national and local policy on behalf of the group.

It was agreed to defer the discussion about the monitoring of the NP and the involvement of the ATC until the next meeting. Cllr Carter to produce a proposal.

Cllr Tompsett will be speaking to Ed Gerry at the Dorset Council re health provision from s106 and the allocation of the monies.

Cllr Carter gave an update on the following:

- *Wyatt's development Meeting with Wyatt's on 4th October to update and we shall inform all B+ members.*
- *In the meantime, BFTC has been consulted on the nature of the community hall and the recreation space. We have asked for increased storage and good access and parking to*

accommodate health provision and had further discussions with the allotment holders about their requirements.

- *Blandford Forum town centre – being enhanced by provision of new paving and several shop fronts are having a face lift.*
- *Town Hall Façade lighting has been installed*
- *Due to the pandemic and the new paving slabs in the town centre, the BFTC WG working on a trial semi-pedestrian area at the western end of the market space has been postponed until next year.*
- *The Planning Committee frequently quotes from policy B11 when the Conservation Area is affected.*

Cllr Albery confirmed that BSMPC monitor policy B12, and Cllr Tompsett confirmed that BPC monitor policy B13 when considering planning applications.

Cllr Albery spoke about the planning application submitted by the Parish Council for the community hall in the new development, as per policy B6. (details sent separately with this agenda).

No updates from Cllr Tompsett.

7. Planning applications compliance or otherwise with the NP since the plan was ‘made’

The Brewery development was discussed.

Cllr Carter confirmed that generally, in the Design and Access statement submitted with planning applications, the NP is referred to.

8. Update on Government legislation and its effect on neighbourhood planning

A discussion was held about Permitted Development Rights, which came into effect on 1st August 2021. The group is aware that there is a limited amount that can be done.

9. Date, venue and guest list for a celebratory and congratulatory evening

ATC to send a Doodle Poll to the Steering Group to find a suitable date for a Friday or Saturday in November. Once a date has been found and invite will be sent to Sara Loch, Ed Gerry, Sally Gardner, Leani Haim, Neil Homer, Jon Dowty, Bobbie Church, Doc Addison.

The venue will be the Gurkha restaurant.

10. Date of the next meeting

A Doodle Poll for the first week of December will be sent to the Steering Group.

11. AOB

Fact File for the Clerks Magazine to be completed by each Council and sent to O'Neill Homer.

The meeting closed at 11.52am.