

Blandford + Monitoring Group Meeting

Tuesday 20th September 2022 at 10am

In Attendance

Cllr Carol Tompsett	Leani Haim (O'Neill Homer)
Cllr Kaylee Herbert	Matt Jennings (O'Neill Homer)
Cllr Alan Cross	Cllr Malcolm Albery
Cllr Frank Stocks	Linda Scott-Giles

Apologies

Cllr Roger Carter

Carol chaired the meeting in Roger's absence.

Consultation

Alan and Kaylee updated on the consultation feedback at the Community Expo, and the lack of responses, because it was quieter than normal. Linda added that one lady felt she had 'just' completed a consultation about the plan and Malcolm confirmed that there is apathy due to the lack of understanding about the ongoing nature of the project.

Consultation responses are attached to the email distributing these notes.

Leani advised that the consultation responses are to be received for the November meetings. This provides all involved with more time to consult in the three parishes.

Linda to create a SurveyMonkey link and add to the B+ website, as well as town council social media, to find out if the public support the modifications. Other parishes to share in their respective groups/pages.

Kaylee suggested posters for the council notice boards. Linda to create this and print for notice boards and make available to other parishes for display.

Alan suggested a stall at the market. Linda to email out to the group to find out what cover they can provide.

Linda to record actions agreed in the consultation statement.

Medical Infrastructure Meeting

Carol fed back on the meeting held with Dorset Council and NHS representatives about extra accommodation for the additional GPs and support staff required to address the extra numbers.

Project Plan Review

The final documents will go to parish and town councils in November.

AECOM visited on Friday and were aiming for their report to be published at the end of November/early December.

Roger emailed a summary after the AECOM meeting, which was as follows:

First can I thank Carol, Nikki and Rosemary for their time and invaluable ideas.

The visit seemed very successful and the two ladies from AECOM were very professional and experts in their field. We covered areas in the three parishes that we thought were good examples of design in terms of architecture, detailing and spacing (some, like the Tabernacle evolved that way) They loved the Woodhouse gardens and areas where trees were an integral part of the streetscape or landscape and where some vestige or more substantial front garden elements had been included or retained in the design. And we also covered areas of design and infilling which we didn't think worked well in design terms. They are going to piece together draft character area assessments and send them through to us - I asked them to include you in the emailing list Leani, for checking and changes if we wish to make any.

From that they will develop the design codes. Very interesting to talk to them about design ideas.

Leani will update the timetable, share/check with AECOM and circulate to the group.

AONB Dark Skies Proposal

Leani advised that there are two choices – focus on the already included lighting scheme for larger developments, recognising that the AONB have dark skies, with some amendments or we could have a separate policy for new developments.

Carol suggested emphasising the existing statements, agreed by all in attendance, and Leani agreed to amend this.

Local Heritage Assets

Frank raised concerns over the process and how it is carried out at local authority level.

Leani advised that if parishes have their final list, they need to write to the landowners and she will share the template letter again.

The next meeting is scheduled for 18th October at 10am and this will be held in the Community Room to avoid IT issues again.