Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting

Monday 3rd June 2024 at 11am

Held Online via TEAMS

NOTES

In Attendance

Cllr Carol Tompsett
Cllr Ian Mackay
Cllr John Dallison
Cllr Terry Clarkson
Linda Scott-Giles
Cllr Alan Cross
Cllr Sheila Chapman
Nicci Brown
Roger Carter

1. Welcome and Introductions

Chairman, Cllr Carol Tompsett welcomed everyone and thanked Roger for continuing to commit to the B+ group.

2. Apologies

Cllr Frank Stocks

3. Approval of AECOM changes to The Design & Guidance Code

It was agreed that the group has checked the Design and Guidance Code and the document will be sent to Ed Gerry so it can be included in the Dorset Council Cabinet agenda.

4. Update on meeting between Wyatt Homes and The Blandford Group Practice

Carol updated attendees on recent meetings with the developer and surgery.

It was agreed that a meeting will soon take place with the developer and Ian and Alan also offered to attend along with the Town Clerk. A date of 11th June has been put forward to Wyatt Homes.

5. Proposal to meet with Ed Denham to establish the current and projected demand for primary school places in the B+ area and the projected need for a primary school north/north east of Blandford

The group discussed the issue with the lack of information over the requirement for the school and agreed that it is necessary to have a meeting with an officer from Dorset Council to talk to the group about the need for the school. Attendees discussed approaching officers in the first instance, followed by the DC cllrs who cover the area.

6. Wards Drove application update

The B+ view had been submitted prior to the deadline and there is no further update on it at this stage.

7. Lower Bryanston Farm application update

The application doesn't appear to be on the agenda for the northern area committee meeting.

8. Blandford + Monitoring Group & Climate & Biodiversity Group

The meeting scheduled for 16th May 2024 did not take place and will be rescheduled.

9. Any other business

Linda asked Ed Gerry if neighbourhood plan groups could be informed of any planning applications within their areas and he responded to say he has asked colleagues in Development Management to see whether this is possible.

Carol raised the deadline of 24th June 2024 for the submission of a statement for the hearing. Ian explained that, with a hearing, each side has the opportunity to say what they want to say but the appellant has the last say so it is important to have all the information prepared. Attendees agreed to respond with any comments to her proposed statement before Linda submits it.

Carol confirmed that she had advised Wyatt Homes of them being referred to as the appellant on the Dorset Council SofS letter.

10. Date of next meeting

The monitoring sheet will be considered at the next meeting.

The next meeting will be held at 11am on Friday 12th July 2024 by Teams.