Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting

Monday 17th March 2025 at 11.30am

Held online via TEAMS

NOTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Carol Tompsett (chair)
Cllr John Dallison
Cllr Alan Cross
Cllr Terry Clarkson
Becci Brady
Cllr Sheila Chapman
Roger Carter
Mark Aldis
Linda Scott-Giles

2. Apologies

Nicci Brown

3. Matters Arising

A general discussion was had regarding the Future Planning event information that was circulated to the group prior to the meeting and how it will impact our NP and influence the way forward. Carol suggested we have a face-to-face meeting in September 2025 with a representative from Planning at DC (possibly Mike Garrity) to look at important issues that will inform the B+NP of the work required, going forwards. Becci will email him to request a meeting.

Action: Becci

Nick Ireland, the leader of DC, will be attending BFTC Town Meeting on 8th September, Linda will email his assistant to ask if he would be happy to hear about our NP thoughts and views, including our vision for the B+NP area. Representatives of Blandford St Mary and Bryanston would like to attend. After this meeting with Nick Ireland, we need to arrange an open meeting with the B+ neighbouring Parish councils, with a clear agenda, to discuss a clear vision for our area and to improve working relationships. This meeting needs to be organised close to Christmas, with hot drinks and cake etc.

Action: Carol & Becci

4. Discuss Infrastructure List and how to incorporate it into the Monitoring Sheet

A list was circulated to the group to see how it would fit into the sheet. Many members have made valuable contributions. The sheet is primarily for us as a group to refer to. It was suggested that we create a Working Party to go through this list and look at: a) what we already have in place in existing policies; b) what needs to be added. Sheila, Carol, Terry, John and Roger have agreed to join. The group feel Nicci Brown and Ian Mackay's presence would also be very beneficial. Carol to convene Working Party. **Action: Carol**

5. Update on proposed B+NP communique (with Wyatts)

Nothing to report

6. Any update on Wyatt Homes and The Blandford Group Practice (CET)

Tim Hodgkinson from Wyatt Homes emailed Carol to say he was arranging a meeting with the practice, but has not heard anything back, as of yet. Carol will ask again for a response. **Action: Carol**

A brief update on the planning application by Wyatts, for Land South of Bolney, was touched upon. Alan Cross gave an update on the response from the BFTC planning committee regarding the application, which the BFTC objected to.

7. Discuss Blandford St Marys NDHA List

(Agenda items 7 & 9 discussed together)

The meeting with Alison Turnock and Tobias Carleton-Prangnell from Dorset Council went well, they are looking into whether our NDHA statutory list can be added to the Dorset Council emerging list at some point. They were very pleased with what we have done. They accept that the properties they had identified so far are only a few of many and will look at developing a template to enter additional properties, including those already identified in Neighbourhood Plans.

The current B+NP does not include a NDHA List for Blandford St Mary. It was asked if Blandford St Mary members would like to form a Working Party to produce a list for the next B+NP Review. John and Mark agreed, and they will ask Ian and Nicci to join too as they were not at the meeting. Carol to convene. **Action: Carol**

It was decided that a separate appendix for the NDHA List will be added to the Monitoring Sheet. **Action: Carol & ALL**

8. Any information on updated NPPF and possible impact on Neighbourhood Plans

This was discussed under agenda item 3.

9. NDHA List meeting with Alison Turnock + Tobias Carleton-Prangnell

This was discussed under agenda item 7.

10. Discuss Planning applications outside the B+NP area

It was proposed and decided that unless it in our B+NP area, that we should not comment on planning applications unless invited to, or believe it will have an impact on the B+NP area.

11. The Wards Drove Appeal Hearing.

Our response has been sent to the appeal hearing and the B+NP Monitoring Group has nothing more to add.

12. To update the Monitoring Sheet – group responsibility

13. Any other business

Nothing to add.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting has been arranged for Monday 12th May 2025 at 11.30am at Legion House, Blandford Forum.

This will be a face-to-face meeting.