Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting

Monday 12th May 2025 at 11.30am

Held at Legion House, Church Lane, Blandford Forum DT11 7AD

NOTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Carol Tompsett (chair)
Cllr Terry Clarkson
Mark Aldis
Roger Carter
Becci Brady
Cllr Sheila Chapman
Nicci Brown
Alan Cross
Cllr Frank Stocks (teams)

2. Apologies

Cllr Ian Mackay
Cllr John Dallison

3. Matters Arising

None.

4. Discuss and arrange meetings with:

a. Nick Ireland or Mike Garrity in early July about the B+NP vision

A meeting has been arranged on Monday 28th July 2025 at 10.30am at County Hall, Dorchester with the Leader of Dorset Council, Nick Ireland.

b. Nick Ireland in September

Arranged for Nick Ireland to meet with B+ group prior to Blandford Forum Town Council's Planning meeting on Monday 8th September 2025.

c. Other parish councils at a Christmas get together to build community relationships

The group will arrange a Christmas get together at The Old Powerhouse in Bryanston to promote community spirit and cohesion between us and other local parishes. We will Invite Simon Hoare to the event for a Q & A and will

work around his dates. It was agreed that we will Invite Pimperne, Charlton Marshall, Spetisbury, Durweston, Stourpaine, Child Okeford, Winterborne Stickland, Langton Long, The Tarrants and Chettle. The group felt that we should Invite our county councillors. **Becci to arrange a date that works for the group and will ask for Simon Hoare's availability.**

5. **Update from working group- Incorporation of the Infrastructure List and the Monitoring Sheet**
Carol thanked the group for attending the infrastructure working group meeting and asked for everyone to have a look through the notes which Becci will circulate. It was discussed as to whether we should have a monitoring officer to keep the monitoring sheet and keep it updated. Mark Aldis has kindly offered to. **Becci will circulate the working group meeting notes and will send Mark the Design Code and relevant documents.**

6. **Update on proposed B+NP communique (with Wyatts)**
No update. The group feel they probably will not be in touch until planning application has been approved or refused.

7. **Update on Wyatt Homes and The Blandford Group Practice (**CET)

No update. Carol will email Shaun Pettit the MD of Wyatts for nay updates.

8. **Update on Working Group- Blandford St Marys NDHA List**

A Meeting on 6th June has been arranged.

9. **Any information on updated NPPF and possible impact on Neighbourhood Plans**

No update.

10. **Update on the Wards Drove Appeal Hearing.**

The hearing has finished. The inspectorate has not yet published the outcome.

11. **To update the Monitoring Sheet – group responsibility**

Mark will now be involved in updating this.

12. **Any other business**

- Some local residents and councillors are concerned over the signage being used for the Pro Barber shop. Nicci has taken some photographs and she and Frank have both agreed to log a complaint with Enforcement at Dorset Council. Nicci will email Frank with a photograph.

- The group would like regular updates from the Market Place Enhancement working group going forward. **Becci will communicate this to the group.**
- 5 street lights are due to be installed at the bottom of New Road in Bryanston. The street lighting team say it has been passed as a planning application as it is an urban extension to Blandford. This is a rural. A letter has been sent to Cllr Ireland and Mike Garrity for an onsite meeting with Carol and Cllr Sherry Jesperson (County Councillor for the ward). **Mark will look at what we have in our plan regarding street lights.**
- Carol suggested we think about recruiting a consultant for our next review, it was suggested that we use a local based firm that knows the area well. It was suggested that we look to see if we are eligible for any funding to help meet these costs. **Sheila will do some research into funding**.
- The group discussed asking Ed Gerry to attend our next group meeting to discuss our vision (prior to our July meeting with Nick Ireland).
- The group agreed to co-opt Catherine Moxham.

13. Date of next meeting

Provisional date of Monday 30th June at 11.30am on Teams. **Carol will contact Ed Gerry to ask if he would be able to attend via teams.**