Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting
Monday 10th November 2025 at 10.00am
On Teams

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Carol Tompsett (Chair)
Cllr Alan Cross
Cllr Frank Stocks
Becci Brady
Nicci Brown
Cllr Sheila Chapman
Roger Carter

2. Apologies

Cllr Margaret Putt
Cllr Terry Clarkson
Linda Scott-Giles
Cllr Gail Del-Pinto
Mark Aldis
Sue Cowling
Cllr Ian Mackay
Cllr Catherine Moxham
Cllr John Dallison

3. Christmas Get together

The event will be held on Thursday 27th November in the committee room of the Brewery Tap.
Simon Hoare MP is very much looking forward to it.
We are not sure if we can supply our own refreshments or if we have to purchase from the brewery, we have asked but for now we will plan to supply our own unless we hear otherwise. Carol will co-ordinate the food and drink, we will ask council for budget approval to spend £50 from the B+ budget towards refreshments. Carol will provide plates and Nicci will bring plastic wine glasses. Sheila kindly agreed to loan glasses from the WI. Food will be nibbly things such as crisps, cheese straws, etc, as well as mince pies.

Carol will ask Catherine if we can borrow some urns for mulled wine.

- Set-up from 6.00pm, to include Nicci, Carol, Alan, Becci and possibly Linda.
- Welcome everyone and give a chance to settle.
- 7pm-8pm -Q & A with Simon Hoare MP

Questions proposed by B+ Group:-

1. What will happen with NP funding moving forward
2. S106 for healthcare. All members to bring questions.

4. Progress Reports from NDHA List working Groups

Blandford is just about done, Bryanston almost done and Blandford St Mary needs much more work, Carol will continue to try and get some response from the group working on this.

5. Updates:

a. Simon Hoare and NP funding

To be discussed at the Christmas get-together

b. S106 funding

Carol continues to communicate with Andrew Galpin at Dorset Council regarding this. The last response Carol received from him talked about us having an Eastern and Western area, and he gave a lump sum of monies that are available rather than the breakdown that Carol had asked for which was disappointing . The group discussed how S106 money seems to continue to be used in the wrong way. Frank and Nicci will look at some of the s106 agreements to see what the situation is with them.

c. Land for development at Langton Long

Carol has written on two occasions to the contact from the parish meeting but has had no response. We will assume that the landowner intends to sell the land for housing until we hear otherwise.

d. Local Plan Consultation

Response was submitted. Thanks to Nicci for all her hard work. A suggestion to bring up for the next stage would be to ask if bungalows will be included?

e. Any other Business

- Carol to email all invitees asking if they wish to send any questions they maybe have for Simon Hoare MP prior to the Christmas get-together.

Carol to action

- Shaftesbury Town Council has written to Blandford Forum Town Council. They are concerned about the lack of meaningful Police presence in Shaftesbury, statistics being used in-effectively and issues with the online reporting system. They only have a pop-up for 2 hours per week as a mobile police station and feel underrepresented. It is predicted that soon more money will be asked to contribute towards policing in this area, Shaftesbury Town Council ask if this is the time that we, as a group send a collective letter to the Police and Crime Commissioner to express our concerns. Roger made a point that he has noticed more community police officers in Blandford recently, however the online police reporting service is not fit for purpose. Carol will respond to this on behalf of B+ agree on reporting and questioning the use of the police station in Blandford (better

if it was public access) but we cannot necessarily agree with the community policing issue as there does seem to be a presence in Blandford.

Carol will send a response.

- Dorset Council Design Code- there is an online survey to look at and submit, members are encouraged to respond.

  Becci will send the email to all members shortly.

- We have still not received a response from Nick Ireland regarding the questions sent to him in October.

  Becci will send a gentle reminder to his PA.

- Devolving Dorset- Carol sent her views on this event and the information she gathered via email to members prior to this meeting. The group will need to think about what is coming up with the forthcoming Governance Review planned for 2027. Members are encouraged to have a look at the 'Fresh Start' document.

f. Date of next meeting

Monday 26th January 2026 at 10am on Teams