Blandford + NP Monitoring Group Meeting
Tuesday 21st April 2026 at 10.00am
On Teams

MEETING NOTES

1. Welcome and introductions

Cllr Carol Tompsett (Chair)	Roger Carter
Cllr Alan Cross	Mark Aldis
Cllr Ian Mackay	Cllr Gail Del-Pinto
Nicci Brown	Cllr Sheila Chapman
Linda Scott-Giles	Becci Brady

Carol paid tribute to our founder member Cllr Malcolm Albery who passed away recently. His knowledge and dedication were of huge benefit to this group and he will be greatly missed.

Members thanked Blandford Forum Town Clerk Linda Scott-Giles for all her help with this group from the beginning and her unwavering support over the years.

2. Apologies

Cllr John Dallison	Cllr Maggie Putt
Cllr Terry Clarkson	Cllr Frank Stocks

3. Update on progress with NDHA List for Blandford St Mary and next steps for amalgamation of the 3 B+ NDHA lists with Dorset Council's (*M Aldis & BSM Group*)

Carol thanked Mark Aldis and Nicci Brown for their amazing work, fortunately the BSM list is almost complete. Some updating of the asset map and photograph's need to be completed and it will then be ready to be submitted. Once the list has been submitted letter's will need to be sent to the property owners informing them that their property will be listed with Dorset Council. The group feel these letters should be sent directly from Dorset Council, Carol will discuss this with Tobias Carleton-Prangnell.
After discussions regarding the Hall & Woodhouse Brewery in BSM the group have decided to add this to the NDHA list.

4. Local Boundary Commission Consultation

The group discussed how this this should be navigated. It was decided to make this a focus for a meeting at a later date, as and when something arises. Currently there is little we can comment on until we have more information.

5. Local Plan Consultation

No update.

6. Memorandum of Understanding

This must be renewed every two years. Two voting members of each Parish must be nominated, the current members will remain for this submission.
Carol proposed the idea of having a Vice-Chair of this group, after asking all members if they would be interested, it was proposed that Roger Carter take the role, this had unanimous support. This appointment will be added to the memorandum.

Carol will update the memorandum of understanding

7. Current funds available (*B Brady*)

As at 31st March, the balance remaining is £3,760.36.

8. Update on health provision:

- S106 (*C Tompsett*)
  Carol wrote to Simon Hoare MP in December 2025, and again in February 2026 regarding this issue.
- Working with Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Byron Quayle regarding health provision (*C Tompsett*)
  Carol has written to both Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Byron Quayle, Cllr Lacey-Clarke wrote back that he would speak with the Blandford Group Practice for their views, no updates as of yet. The Practice Manager has indicated that they see no future partnership with Wyatts regarding a new surgery.
- The NHS Regional Neighbourhood Health Plan (*N Brown*)
  Nicci attended meeting was held by the VCS people in the town hall last week, people from various organisations attended and explained what services they offer.
- Use of Wyatts Development community centre for health and wellbeing activities by TBGP (*C Tompsett*)
  Carol asked The Blandford Group Practice if they would be interested in utilising the proposed community building to use for wellbeing, they said they would not be requiring it.

9. Town centre and Market Area Enhancement Group (*R Carter*)

A draft plan was created and agreed at the Blandford Forum Town Council meeting on 27th April , this will now be submitted to Dorset Council for further design work.

10. Update on employment land adjacent to Lidl

No update.

11. Update of Monitoring Sheet

No update

12. Role of the B+NP Monitoring Group, going forwards

In respect to the groups' financial funds available (see item 7), Carol suggested submitting the Neighbourhood Plan for renewal now. Regardless of how the Local Council and Central Government decide to take the future of these plans, it was agreed that the importance of it remains for the B+ area and that it is worth looking at this idea further.
Linda suggested a local advisor would suffice rather than having a larger more costly company to be involved. Linda suggested emailing Ed Gerry to clarify what the current situation is, what he suggests we should do next and how much it would cost to resubmit our plan. ***Carol will Email Ed Gerry at Dorset Council***

The group discussed inviting representatives from other local Parish councils to contribute to future meetings in a way to keep the lines of communication open. Carol

suggested that when it comes to discussing the Local Plan Consultation this invitation should be actioned.

13. All other Business

Nicci informed the group that there will be an Emergency Plan Meeting in the Town Hall on Wednesday 13th May at 7pm.

Pre-application for the Old Powerhouse has been submitted.

14. Date of next meeting

The next meeting date is tbc