



DT11 FORUM

community partnership

DT11 Minutes

13th May 2015

Pimperne Village Hall

		Action
1. Welcome	Nic Welcomes Hugh De longh, Keith Yarwood, Barbara Thomson, Ian Watson, Christine Stone, Bobbie Church, Sue Warr, Richard James, Simon Coombes, Jon Ivay, Doc Addison	
2. Apologies	Peter Slocombe, Dave Astin, Mike Jones	
3. Minutes Agreed and treasurers report	<p>Minutes of the meeting 28th January</p> <p>Ian Watson – As discussed at the last meeting, we aimed to increase attendance by sending out posters and contacting Parish Councils just before their PC meetings, but overlooked this.</p> <p>Doc suggested contacting parishes via the DAPTC. This was agreed.</p> <p>Ian also asked why the website is not up to date. Julie confirmed that the website is up to date and is updated regularly every month.</p>	Action – Julie to contact parishes to establish meeting dates and to ensure poster goes out in advance
3. Updated work plan	<p>Nic took the meeting through the work programme.</p> <p>Broadband performance – Steve Adamson has met with Matt Prosser who has since had a meeting with MP's etc putting his ideas to them - we're waiting to hear back.</p> <p>Ian queried why the map available on Dorset4You is no good. Steve says it doesn't show enough detail.</p> <p>Stourpaine VH Committee will be applying for a Broadband Connection Voucher. Wessex internet can install although it may not be possible due to the position of the village hall Keith says it is possible to put a repeater on another house</p> <p>Fording Point – update from Jon Ivay</p> <p>There will be a press release in the Forum Focus which brings everyone up to date with the project. Jon also asks for people to fill roles such as PR and marketing. Jon has a Graphic designer who is doing a business prospectus. Jon will be getting up to date costs. He has seen a rough layout of prospectus and</p>	

	<p>he says it looks beautiful. Julian Fellowes has done a forward to this prospectus saying he wholeheartedly supports the project. Jon has a list of organisations/contacts to write to asking for support and he hopes to be looking at public funding later on in the year.</p> <p>It is a not for profit organisations – all money made will go back into the local community. From the 22nd May there will be a website holding page including an appeal page to register interest if you wish to donate.</p> <p>After looking into working with Blandford Museum Jon asked for independent advice about joining forces. He was advised to keep the project simple and to continue working alone.</p> <p>Richard James asked if an archeological survey has been carried out of the area.</p> <p>Nicci Brown asked about the detailed planning – Jon says they've still to apply. Nicci suggested this may be when they carry out any further surveys, including archaeological surveys.</p> <p>Richard asked if the Corn Exchange could fulfil this role –Jon said the Corn Exchange would not work as arts venue because of the space taken up by the kitchen (NN confirmed this view is shared by the Town Council). Whereas the Fording Point will be a dedicated space for the performing arts.</p> <p>Future Trailway -</p> <p>Nic says we have projects that we hope are going to be funded by the LAG. Including Railway arches and themed roundabouts which will have better signage to tell people about Blandford. He pointed out that the LEADER programme will only provide funding once all work has been completed and paid for – all project leads must find matched funding in order to get the work done. Nicci asked if they will still have adverts – Nic said this is not the intention.</p> <p>Transport Action Group</p> <p>Nicci asked if Nic got her email regarding the bus service that used to drop off at the surgery but is now refusing to do so. John Cummings has been contacted about it. Nic hasn't seen email but will follow it up.</p> <p>Blandford + Update from Bobbie</p> <p>NDDC planning has just released their review of local plan following the hearing in March the examiner suggested amendments. The examiner passed these reviews back to NDDC. Tomorrow Blandford + will be going through amendments – if they don't agree with them they have to get in by Friday (closing date),</p> <p>NDDC has stated that development on the Dorchester Hill and Lower Bryanston Farm sites had to be put off until 2028 -2030 due to bats. Persimmon are giving a presentation to Blandford St Mary residents regarding new development. Bobbie will attend to see where and when they plan on developing.</p>	<p>Action NN</p> <p>Bobbie will report back</p>
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	<p>Christine says its on the lower levels of Bryanston Farm which will reduce impact. The same with Blandford St Mary – it seems the inspector is agreeing to development on the lower levels. Nicci queried if this is now or after 2028. We don't know Bobbie will investigate.</p> <p>With regards to Blandford + Neighbourhood plan the Pre-submission plan will be ready by June. Approval Town & Parish Councils by July. 6 Week public consultation end of September. Ready for submission to NDDC early November. (Following a recent Blandford + meeting it was felt they might not be quite ready for these dates but it is hoped it won't be much later).</p> <p>Richard is keen that the Trailway features in the Neighbourhood plan. Nic says the Trailway is an important part of the Neighbourhood Plan and will definitely feature.</p> <p>Christine mentioned that the Neighbourhood Plan should be more democratic. A complaint has been made that the information is not accessible.</p> <p>Julie is responsible for updating the website and was waiting for the Website designer to make a few changes before it could be updated – she apologised for the delay and confirmed the Blandford + website is now up to date.</p> <p>Nic updates on the Town Team.</p> <p>The Town Team will help to promote the Dorset Architecture week and will continue looking into ideas such as partial pedestrianisation of Blandford, Heritage and signage.</p> <p>Stourpaine Village Hall</p> <p>Julie continues to help Stourpaine with grant applications as and when work load allows.</p> <p>Although there is enough to complete the build there is a shortfall to equip – chairs, AV, kitchen etc.... they would also like to ensure the build is a higher specification which will reduce maintenance costs in the long term (for example, maintenance free decking, cladding etc..)</p> <p>Stourpaine are holding their village fete on the 28th June and the Village Hall will be open to view then. Keith mentioned that the Housing Associations' builders have gone into liquidation this effects the new housing to be built on the site of the old village hall but this does not affect the village hall.</p>	
<p>Presentation from Simon Coombs</p>	<p>Blandford Railway Arches Trust.</p> <p>2 phases – phase 1 repair. Phase 2 provide access.</p> <p>What's been done so far:-</p> <p>Fence was installed to stop people getting on and vandalising it around 10 years ago. Last year a gate was put in for access.</p> <p>Volunteers helped to clear area to see how bad structure is and the Rangers cleared some trees so you can see structure more clearly. The ground has been treated so it is less weed infested and ivy has been cleared.</p> <p>3 building firms have been invited to quote to repair the structure (brickwork). Reconstruction of North wall, eastern</p>	

	<p>parapet and repoint all parts of the structure. Bidding process will be concluded 30th May. There will be finance from BFTC to carry out the repair work. Phase 2 – public access. Metal staircase up north wall (but inside fence). Controlled public access as unlimited access would invite further vandalism. Keys would be given to local public bodies such as rangers, wildlife organisations etc.... Safety fencing at each end – to avoid anyone falling into river! Simon will need to find funding for this - with DT11 help (the LEADER programme will only provide funding once the work has been completed and paid for.)</p> <p>March 2016 is the 50th anniversary date of the last passenger train. Simon is still aiming to open for this date. Simon also plans to get rid of graffiti and has funding to do this. There is an open day on the 24th May – everyone invited – 1-5pm come along and see it in all its glory. Christine asks how much is needed – Simon says around £40k. Lots of small ways to save money such as volunteer work for example the track bed has been cleared and levelled and treated with inhibitors. Nic says in order to go forward for LEADER funding we have to find matched funding. LAG manager will look at proposals towards the end of June. Local action groups will assess the grants and then they go to DEFRA.</p>	
6 ND LAG	<p>Steve points out the Sarah Harbidge was very supportive of the proposal as they all have economic benefit. Steve had email from Sarah – LEADER programme update. Stopped process due to purdah. (Deadline is 30th June). They have agreed exchange rate so they now know in sterling how much the fund will be. However, they can't issue contracts to appoint anyone to administer the fund until The Programme Budget – Deadline 30th June has been submitted to DEFRA and approved. This will be followed by the Delivery Plan – Deadline 31st July 2015. This will require approval by the LAG Executive Committee which will meet on 1st July. National Operating Manual and LAG Training</p> <p>The compulsory training sessions for Programme teams and accountable bodies have not yet started and we have not received any dates. The Operating Manual will not be released until these sessions have taken place.</p> <p>The post of Support Officer has been filled and he will deal with both the South Dorset and North Dorset LAG. His job is to look at all the projects and make sure paperwork is correct when it goes to DEFRA. He can't be put into post until DCC has the contract from DEFRA. 2 project advisors (development workers) – these cannot be interviewed or appointed until all of the above processes have been completed.</p>	

7. AOB	<p>Christine Stone is now a POPP champion for the Tarrants, including Pimperne, Tarrants and Shillingstone. 7 hours a week to look at what gaps there are for the elderly. Also still volunteering for Police Crime Commissioner.</p> <p>Keith advised that today it was voted unanimously to reopen the C13.</p>	
8. Date of next meeting	AGM Wednesday 23 rd September 5.30pm for 6pm at Blandford Parish Centre.	