

Attendees

Bernie Ede	Open Spaces
John Parker	Open Spaces
Jackie Upton King	Open Spaces/Melbury Abbas & Cann
Piers Brown	Leisure - P&H STC
Richard Tippins	Chair of NHPG
Rachel Caldwell	Historic
Karen Tippins	Project Co-ordinator
Simon Rutter	Housing
Simone Markham	Rural – MAPCouncillor
Robert Kennett	Town Centre Working Party

Apologies

Matthew Tagney	Historic
Jo Francis	District Councillor (DevMan)
Mick Hicks	Historic
Phil Proctor	P&H STC

Observer

Richard Thomas	
Paul Reynolds	Melbury Abbas

1. Town Centre Working Party

- O** Robert Kennett presented the Town Centre Working Parties findings.
- O** Key points stated were:-
 - Worst part of the town is considered to be the Co-op site; however, it is anticipated that the shop Co-op may be moving
 - The Co-op building is leased.
 - Improvements could be made to the Tourist Information Centre
 - The Post Office is unlikely to ever move out of the building on Angel Street
 - ATS site – planning proposals have been submitted for development
 - Discussion could be had in removing buses from the High St and re-routing them through town.
 - Pavements less than 2 metres wide
 - Town Enhancement wanted ‘Shared Service’ this has created confusion
 - Pedestrians need to have a good experience.
 - Need to look into reducing Traffic Flow & speed without necessarily being one-way; could have a staged approach
 - Approximately, there are 141 business in Shaftesbury; 80 retail units; 20 units are in the High st
- O** **Action** – **JH** to do a questionnaire and discuss Shop Keepers on their views & report back to the group;
- O** **Action** – **All** – it was noted that an objective for the NHP is pedestrian safety

2. Two Land Allocations

o Cattle Market

- NDDC want to sell on the land
- Council is unable to find any record that it was owned by Shaftesbury Borough; Taskforce is prepared to fund a Barrister to determine whether the Cattle Market owned by the Town Council.
- Best to map out the Cattle Market land for best usage for the Town Centre.

o Land South of the A30

- Will form part of the Green Space survey – this is on a Chalk Ridge
- Jackie Upton King mentioned her involvement in the White Hart link

o **Action** – Outcome pending on Barrister meeting regarding Cattle Market

o **Action** - JP/BE/JUK to provide Green Spaces inventory – which details land south of the A30 as Green Space

3. Next Steps

- o Each of the leads were requested to look at their draft Objectives produced prior to the questionnaire process and to cross reference the objectives to the draft Neighbourhood Plan results for their section

o **Action:** All Leads to produce Policies and Objectives for their areas.

Dates for next meeting: 7th Apr 2016

(10th March 2016 meeting was cancelled due to holidays)

Minutes by
K Tippins
19th Feb 2016