

Meeting Minutes – **Shaftesbury, Melbury Abbas and Cann Neighbour Hood Plan**  
31<sup>th</sup> July 2014; Location- Shaftesbury Town Hall – Time: 19:00 – 21:00

**Attendees & NHP Roles:-**

Bernie Ede	– Open Spaces Theme – support for John Parker
Gary Jefferson	– NHP Champion
John Parker	– Open Spaces Lead
James Hughes	– Business (incl Employment) & Definition of Town Centre Lead
Karen Tippins	– Cllr – (minute taker)
Matthew Tagney	– Historic Environment Lead
Phil Proctor	– Leisure – Lead/Housing (support for Simon Rutter)
Rachel Caldwell	– Historic Environment – support for Matthew Tagney
Richard Tippins	– Cllr - (Chair)

**Apologies**

Clare Pestell	– Rural and Settlement Area Theme
Pierre Jordaan – now resigned from NHP	

**Other Team Members**

Simon Rutter	– Housing Theme - Lead
David Shepherd	– Leisure Theme – (support for Phil Proctor)
Phil Beavis	– Leisure Theme – (support for Phil Proctor)
Public Services and Transport Theme	– Vacant – Volunteers required

**1. Previous Actions Update**

- **NDDC Local Plan adoption** has now been delayed to **next spring 2015**. This is now 6 months behind schedule. The issue has been caused with a variation to the local plan due to Blandford/Crown Meadows. English Heritage were involved as this is a crown estate/Chancellor managed. NDDC have had to re-locate the site of the houses. **Action Closed**

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- **Timeline – Shaftesbury/Melbury Abbas/Cann Neighbourhood plan** aims to have all Themes documented/evidenced/reviewed/consulted by next **Spring/Mar 2015** to dovetail with the completion of the NDDC Local Plan Adoption.
- Public Services Theme - Vacant - Action C/F: **RT – Action to contact** Dr Rob Child; chair of locality group; Sherbourne GP; Police and Crime Commissioner
- **Transport Theme.** Gillingham impact on Transport was determined to be complex subject; discussion held surrounding Transport as mentioned in the Thame plan; **C/F Action RT** to determine overall scope of Transport section
  - Bypass – Wiltshire – plan does not align with Nth slope – however reserved land
  - Solar Farm overlaps bypass corridor – currently discussing implications – several £M’s impact.
- **Gold Hill/Base Evidence: Action C/F Matthew** to provide base evidence established at Gold Hill Fair 2013 in spreadsheet format. Need to ensure that the evidence demonstrates ‘local’ input not ‘tourists’
- **Business Theme** – Clive is assisting James Hughes in looking at the Employment predictions at the new leisure centre - £600k (s106?) has been re-allocated for leisure.

### 2. Mission Statement

- Ideas debated surrounding the existing Mission Statement to maybe include:
  - Strategic Heart of Blackmore Vale
  - The destination of North Dorset
  - Technical College; Part of Yeovil
  - **Action: C/F review Mission Statement – All**

### 3. Rural & Settlement Theme – Claire

- **C/F Action: Claire to derive Objectives for each Policy**

### 4. Historic Theme – Matthew/Rachel

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- 1<sup>st</sup> draft has been distributed to everyone and this was sent out on 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Matthew is to be giving a presentation to Civic Society regarding Historic Theme of NHP – date and time to be confirmed
- **Ongoing Action for Matthew/Rachel** – consideration needs to be given regarding the
  - under utilisation of – Castle Hill – Extra grant possibilities;
  - Quarry in Melbury Abbas; Protection of historic shop fronts – there is currently a lack of enforcement with existing shops – however there is a district wide planning policy – email sent to D Walsh – Portfolio Holder for Development – with a view to start enforcement of the ‘chocolate box look’.  
<https://www.dorsetforyou.com/conservationareas/north> (hyperlink received from J Hammond)
  - Usage of Signage in and around Shaftesbury
- **C/F Action: Matthew to review Thame NHP to produce Policy/Objectives 1<sup>st</sup> cut**

### 5. Public Services – Lead to be determined - Richard

- C/F Action Do we want to combine the Ambulance/Fire Station and combine existing locations for Car Parking; **Action All to review.**
- **C/F Action: All to review options to encourage employment on A30 plot of land**

### 6. Business/Employment/definition of Town Centre – James

- Business Theme NHP arranged meeting held at Royal Chase on 10<sup>th</sup> July by Chamber of Commerce was well publicised and well attended.
- 12<sup>th</sup> August to be an arranged coffee morning/drop in meeting – which will be a 2<sup>nd</sup> opportunity for people to add comments
- 3 lists to be produced:- projects, objectives, rejected ideas.
- All events are being used as base evidence – examples being – most members of Chamber of Commerce would like to keep the town centre as ‘car friendly’; due to the lack of signage for Shaftesbury from major roads is an issue for the Chamber of Commerce and would worry that the Bypass would mean potential loss of trade – as the town may be missed by motorists due to poor signage; unified signage frequently gets raise as the current signs are dirty and damaged – also need to start linking the parking signs; parking a big issue for Chamber of Commerce as limits number of people coming

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to shop; also, want to start looking into caravan parking – 3 neighbouring towns have introduced this; there needs to be an overall proposal to look into parking. Look into Shopping on a Sunday – with free car parking – have more shops open.

- A30 land for employment – need to make the land more marketable; use allocated land for employment; better use of cattlemarket – strategic section for Shaftesbury (Karen posted ideas as per Bakewell: <http://www.bagshaws.com/market-bakewell-market.asp>)
- Allocate space for Job Centre – need a ‘one stop shop’ for benefits; need to look into mixing small business in amongst residential houses.

**7. Community Facilities Leisure – Community/leisure/culture - Lead Phil Proctor/support D Shepherd; Phil Beavis**

- **Action: Richard to pass over all initial ideas document by Pierre to All.** There are currently 13 community halls in Shaftesbury with no support for a hub. There is currently no location to hold a business fayre in Shaftesbury; 11 small halls – need to analysis all 13 halls, maybe able to amalgamate two halls to create one larger one; St Peters maybe consider selling as residential; Christian centre.
- NDDC plans to identify the location of where the places are

**8. Housing – NPH Theme has now been Assigned to S Rutter/P Proctor**

- Brainstorming workshop to be organised

**9. Open Spaces/Allotments/Cemeteries – Green Infrastructure for the whole town - Leads John/Bernie**

- Public Health is key to planning; historically Shaftesbury used to be known as a ‘spa town’ so there is an historical link to health
- There are huge areas – circular land areas ideal for circular walks around Shaftesbury – need to look into if any Olympic funds/Taskforce.

Minutes by  
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