

Projects update



What we're working on, at the moment...

Appendix 2

Progress on Station Approach



All legal pro-forma and technical details required by Somerset County Council have been submitted for technical approval and for the necessary legal agreements to be drafted. We are now waiting to hear from Somerset on this matter. [Minute number 2014/76 17/12/2014 Town Centre Regeneration Manager](#)

Improvements to Market Place Phase 1 and 2

The planning application for Phase 1 has been updated, and following recommendations from the Planning Advisory Panel is now expected to be considered at Mendip Planning Board on 21 October. If approved, a further two weeks will then be needed whilst conditions for the permission are agreed. Details of our consultation process regarding the land transfer from Mendip to FTC were considered by Mendip CAMG on 14 September and an update will be provided at the meeting. [Minute number 2014/75 17/12/2014 Town Centre Regeneration Manager](#)

Foundry Barton

We've consulted on a proposed idea and are currently working on feedback received via social media and other communications. We will be able to formally provide an update on plans soon. We'd like to say thank you to everyone who participated in letting us know their thoughts on the Foundry Barton design. [Environment Officer](#)

Willow Festival in the meadow



In line with plans for the farthest patch of Rodden Meadow, it is intended to be focused on wildlife.

To that end, we plan to keep the strip nearest to the river in that section with denser undergrowth and

encourage the badgers and kingfishers that already live there to remain! Some willow planting is planned to create a natural screen and also a living feature such as an arch. Since there is plenty of local interest and skills, we would like to turn this into a Willow Festival. Currently planned for April 2016. If anyone is interested in volunteering then please get in touch with Ruth Knagg [Community Projects Officer](#).

Neighbourhood Plan



The revised draft Neighbourhood Plan has now been submitted to MDC. This is a major mile-stone in this project. The next stage is for them to appoint a Planning Inspector unless they decide it needs to be re-consulted on.

The Showfield

FTC has now bought The Showfield, contracts are signed and we aim to complete on 30 September. Now we can get on and make sure the plans that we produced a year or more ago are still valid with the community. There are also plans to work closely with the Medical Practice.

Thanks to Cllrs and staff at FTC and MDC and our colleagues at the Agricultural Society for sticking

with this. Thanks too to FROGS for raising the importance of this site to the town via their Village Green application. The end game is that the Old Showfield will now be managed by the community for the community. Anyone who wants to get involved in the improvements and the consultation process please contact Chris Stringer. *Minute number 2014/38 25/06/2014* [Environment Officer](#)

Poetry benches in the meadow

In line with the plans for Rodden Meadow the siting of two new benches has at last been re-scheduled and should happen early October. We held a competition for suggestions of lovely slogans that local woodcarver, Charlie Oldham, would carve onto the benches and the winning two were: 'Stay a while play a while' by John Payne and 'Sit and watch the world go by' by Tim O'Connor. The new benches will join the existing old bench in the central patch of Rodden Meadow to add to the picnic area environment. A celebratory event will be planned to which all will be invited. [Community Projects Officer](#).