

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd September 2019 at 7:02pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr D Russell

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice-Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr H White
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr S Hitchings – late arrival at 7.23pm
Cllr J Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press
Garry Barker

Assistant Town Clerk
Nic Nicol - Town Team
Barrie Cooper

31. PUBLIC SESSION

31.1 Nic Nicol, Town Team – Presentation on the Historic England Bid to the High Streets Heritage Action Zones Programme

Mr Nicol provided Councillors with an overview of the bid submitted to Historic England, which will be decided on by the end of this month. He outlined the vision of the project, the match funding required and the anticipated involvement of the Town Council, with all the information being available on the Town Team website.

Cllr Stayt enquired if there was a map outlining the exact location of the proposed enhancements. Mr Nicol said he doesn't have one to hand but can provide one.

31.2 Mr Barker spoke regarding the Railway Arches, referring to the Planning Meeting on 29th July 2019, Minute No. 24. In his opinion there will be sufficient fencing at the top of the monument and there should not be the need for extra fencing at the bottom of the Arches. He also does not believe that the Town Council would be responsible for any accidents. Mr Barker is disappointed why the Trust was not told that there will be an issue with Health & Safety when they have spent so many hours obtaining funding. He is concerned that the grant funding will not be forthcoming if access to the top is restricted.

Cllr White confirmed that it is not the Town Council stopping the access, at present they are acting on the advice received from the external Health & Safety advisor.

Post Meeting Note: The Town Clerk has invited Mr Barker to a meeting to clarify the situation.

32. APOLOGIES

Cllr H Mieville

Cllr A Cross

33. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

As members of the Dorset Council, Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 8 and will take part in the discussions but will not vote.

Cllrs Quayle and Lacey-Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 5.6 as the unit will be used by Dorset Council and will abstain from voting.

34. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29TH JULY 2019**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (10 in favour, 3 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

35. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

The Chairman took the decision to take agenda item 5.1 and 5.2 together.

- 35.1 2/2019/1067/LBC and 2/2019/0950/FUL – 1st August 2019 – Mr M Alfazema – 38-40 Whitecliffe House Nursing Home, White Cliff Mill Street – Erect replacement rear boundary wall (demolish existing) and carry out associated external alterations.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application subject to Conservation Officer approval.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.2 2/2019/0728/LBC – 6th August 2019 – Mrs A Quinney – 22 Dorset Street – Carry out internal alterations to allow the replacement of kitchen and cloakroom.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application subject to Conservation Officer approval.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.3 2/2019/0854/HOUSE – 7th August 2019 – Mr & Mrs Guest – 2 Dulverton Cottages, Fairfield Road – Erect 1 No. two storey rear extension (demolish existing single storey extension).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Jacques and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to limited impact upon the existing amenity of the neighbouring area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.4 2/2019/0982/HOUSE – 7th August 2019 – Mr Luke O'Neill – 49 Medbourne Close – Erect a two and single storey extension.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to limited impact on the amenity of the neighbouring area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr S Hitchings arrived at the meeting at 7.23pm.

35. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT.)**

- 35.5 2/2019/0658/FUL – 8th August 2019 – Mr P Stephens – Grainstore, Shaftesbury Lane – Change of use from Grain Store Class B1 to Educational use Class D1.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 abstentions, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to limited impact on the amenity of the neighbouring area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.6 2/2019/0962/LBC – 14th August 2019 – Mr J Morris – 5 Market Place – Prepare and decorate existing shopfront, fix 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign, 1 No. projecting sign and 1 No. illuminated Lozenge sign and carry out associated external alterations.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council objects to the application due to its policy of not allowing internally illuminated signs.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.7 2/2019/1032/LBC – 19th August 2019 – Mr M Waugh – Netherleigh Lodge, 78 Salisbury Street – Carry out repairs to front stone steps and all alterations in association with this.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to limited impact on the amenity of the neighbouring area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 35.8 2/2019/0952/FUL – 20th August 2019 – Mr Hendricks – 1-11, 2-12 And 14-24 Barnes Close – Remove and replace existing UPVC windows.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to limited impact on the amenity of the neighbouring area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman took the decision to take agenda item 5.10 and 5.11 together.

- 35.9 2/2019/1081/LBC and 2/2019/1080/FUL – 23rd August 2019 – Mr A Shepherd – 1 Market Place – Convert rear part of the building (on ground, first and second floors) into a self-contained residential dwelling and carry out associated internal and external alterations.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 against) that

The Town Council objects to the application as it is not in line with the emerging Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan which is against turning ground floor space into residential space.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

36. **APPENDIX B – DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Cllr Lacey-Clarke advised Councillors that he passed the Town Council's dissatisfaction regarding the length of time it takes to determine planning applications onto the Chairman of the Dorset Council Planning Committee.

37. **SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS**

The next Northern Area Planning Committee is scheduled for Tuesday 17th September 2019.

Cllr White left the meeting at 7.51pm.

38. **TO CONSIDER APPROVING A DOCUMENT FROM THE DORSET COUNCIL FOR THE TRANSFER OF £70,000 FOR MARKET PLACE ENHANCEMENTS (DEFERRED FROM 8TH JULY MEETING)**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (10 in favour, 3 abstentions, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council considered the contents of the agreement and authorises the Chairman of Council to sign it.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr White returned to the meeting at 7.53pm.

39. **TO APPROVE THE LOCATION CHANGE FOR THE PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION AT BADBURY HEIGHTS AND TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM THE ARTIST**

The paper was noted (See Appendix D) and Councillors praised the work carried out by the artist to date.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 against) that

The Town Council approves the new location and access path and the removal of the shrubs.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

40. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR A BANNER ON A TOWN COUNCIL FINGERPOST FROM CRANBORNE CHASE AONB ADVERTISING THE TOURISM APP**

The paper was noted (See Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clark, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council does not approve the request for a banner on a Town Council fingerpost.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

41. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 41.1 Temporary Road Closure – All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along the A350 and A354, Blandford Forum by-pass, between its junction with the B3082, Whitecliff Mill Hill and Badger Roundabout, a distance of approximately 3 miles. The order will come into operation on 2nd September. It is anticipated that the works will take place between 20.00hrs and 06.00hrs until 11th September. The by-pass will be open daily and at the weekend.
- 41.2 Temporary Road Closure – Various roads in Blandford Forum will be temporarily closed for the Blandford Carnival on 7th September. Part of Holland Way, from the access to Holland Business Park to Fairfield Bungalow, Heddington Drive and Fairfield Bungalow in their entirety will be closed from 17.00 to 21.15hrs. Part Salisbury Road, from Fairfield Bungalows to Kings Road, Kings Road, St Leonards Avenue, Part Wimborne Road from St Leonards Avenue to Damory Street, Part Damory Street from Wimborne Road to East Street, East Street, Market Place and West Street to Ham Car Park will be closed from 19.00hrs to 21.15hrs. No alternative routes will be available.
- 41.3 Temporary Road Closure – The Market Place pay and display parking bays have been rescinded temporarily and a parking restriction has been imposed for Sunday 15th September between 06.00hrs to 16.58hrs.
- 41.4 Blandford Forum Calendars – These are now available from the Town Clerk's office and the Tourist Information Centre for £5 each.
- 41.5 Consultation on Extension to Dorset Council Dog Related Public Spaces Protection Orders – The Assistant Town Clerk has forwarded an e-mail to all Councillors regarding this consultation. Do any Councillors wish to make a comment this can be added to the Recreation & Amenities Committee agenda for 16th September for further discussion.
Post Meeting Note: Councillors did not request for this to be added to the agenda.
- 41.6 Railway Arches – The Town Clerk has written to Mr Barker requesting a meeting to clarify the situation with the Railway Arches.

42. CONFIDENTIAL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

8.05pm – The Chairman decided to take a break.

8.12pm – The Chairman convened the meeting.

- 42.1 To consider nominations to present a certificate of appreciation to members of the community

The paper was noted (See Appendix F).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr S Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council accepts the nomination.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8:15pm.

SIGNED: DATED: