

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd February 2020 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross
Cllr H White
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr D Russell
Cllr J Stayt
Cllr B Quayle

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant Town Clerk
Heather Tee – Manager Chestnut House

Nicci Brown – Press
Jerry Soylemez – Owner of No 8 West Street

80. PUBLIC SESSION

- 80.1 Mrs Tee spoke regarding planning application 5.2 and 5.3. The current windows are warped and rotten and were originally installed between 1988-1990. The proposed windows are economical in their upkeep and will therefore reduce the heating bills for the residents, who are between 55 and 99 years of age.
- 80.2 Cllr Mieville spoke as Diversity Officer regarding the unpleasant incidents that happened around the country recently. In the light of these incidents he believes this is the time to restate the Town Council's commitment to a multicultural society and to the twin town exchanges that are planned for May 2020.
- 80.3 Mr Soylemez spoke regarding planning application 5.5 and was seeking the Town Council's support.

81. APOLOGIES

None

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

None were received.

83. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 13TH JANUARY 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (15 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

84. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 84.1 2/2019/1733/LBC – 14th January 2020 – Mr Chowdhury – 12 West Street – Infill 2 No. internal existing doorways and carry out all internal and external alterations associated with this.

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

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

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

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman decided to take application 5.2 and 5.3 together.

- 84.2 2/2019/1715/LBC and 2/2019/1770/FUL – 27th January 2020 – Parsons – 1- 44 Chestnut House, 19 East Street – Replace existing, modern timber windows with Heritage type PVCu windows. Overcladding of existing timber fascias and soffits with PVCu fascias and soffits with the exception of the East Street facing elevation and carry out associated external alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to Conservation Officer approval. The replacement windows would be an improvement to the amenity as well as to the residents and would reduce the carbon footprint of the building.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Carter thanked Mrs Tee for attending the meeting.

- 84.3 2/2019/1794/FUL – 27th January 2020 – Mr S Golightly – Former Units 1 to 2 & 4, Holland Enterprise Park, Holland Way – Install 3 No. air conditioning units with external condensers (retrospective).

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. This is an improvement to the units' amenity.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 84.4 2/2019/1805/LBC – 27th January 2020 – Soylemez – 8 West Street – Remove back to back chimney breast and 2 No. fireplaces in rear wing and carry out associated internal alterations (regularisation of works).

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as this is a regularisation of works. The Town Council has previously approved an application for this property and sees this as an improvement to the site.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Cllr Lacey-Clarke expressed his frustration on the lack of Listed Building Consent planning applications that have been decided on. Some of the applications are waiting for internal building work to be done for the dwellings to be safe and watertight. He would like the Town Council to send a letter to the Chief Executive of Dorset Council, as well as the political leader, to seek clarification on the lack of decisions being made. All Councillors agreed.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

85. APPENDIX B – DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS (CONT.)

Cllr Quayle has been requested to speak to the Listed Building Planning department in his capacity as Dorset Council Councillor to try and fast track some of the applications.

ACTION: CLLR QUAYLE

86. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

Cllr Lacey-Clarke reported that the agenda for the next Planning Meeting has not been published yet.

87. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

87.1 Temporary Road Closure – On Sunday 16th February Salisbury Street, from its junction with the Market Place for approximately 70m to the north, will be closed to enable Wessex Water safe access to carry out a water supply separation within the highway. For the duration of the works the one-way order on White Cliff Mill Street will be revoked and access will be managed with temporary traffic signals. It is anticipated the works will be completed on 16th February.

87.2 Public Consultation On The Draft Marine Plans – The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the consultation for the draft Marine Plans for the North East, draft North West, draft South East and draft South West is now open until 6th April 2020 and enquired if Councillors would like to have this as a future agenda item. Marine planning makes sure the right activities happen in the right place, at the right time and in the right way, placing sustainable development at the centre of all decisions. The draft Marine Plans have been prepared in accordance with the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009. The draft plans are in conformity with the UK Marine Policy Statement. The drafts have been developed with stakeholders, providing robust and evidence-based plans that are tailored to the economic, environmental and social needs of each marine plan area. The general consensus was that this is not applicable to this Council.

The meeting closed at 7:29pm.

SIGNED: DATED: