

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 7th October 2019 at 7:04pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

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

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Cross
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr H White
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr J Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk

43. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public were in attendance.

44. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council

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

None were received.

46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND SEPTEMBER 2019

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (13 in favour, 2 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

47. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

47.1 2/2019/1101/HOUSE – 2nd September 2019 - Mr & Mrs Galloway – 2 River Mews – Erect single storey rear extension, install 2 No. rooflights (demolish existing conservatory).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (13 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as the extension is in keeping with the architectural area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 47.2 2/2019/1072/LBC – 10th September 2019 – Ms J May – 11 Damory Street – Insulate and line walls in bathroom and toilet, remove polystyrene tiles and replace with lime plaster or paper if necessary and fit extractor fans with traditional metal grilles to kitchen, bathroom and toilet. Carry out all internal alterations associated to this.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as the applicant is returning the building to its original materials.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 47.3 2/2019/1142/FUL – 11th September 2019 – Mr A Dolman – 84 Salisbury Road – Erect 1 No. dwelling and detached garage. Create new vehicular and pedestrian access (demolish existing garage and remove swimming pool).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (5 in favour, 4 against, 6 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application based on plot size and there being no objection from the Highways Authority.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 47.4 2/2019/1654/HOUSE – 16th September 2019 – Mr L Winter – 13 Victoria Road – Erect detached garden room.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to plot size and the materials used being in keeping with the area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman decided to take agenda item 5.5 and 5.6 together.

- 47.5 2/2019/1001/FUL and 2/2019/1002/ADV – 18th September 2019 – Nationwide – 5 Market Place – Replacement of existing Fascia to include the preparation and decoration of existing shopfront and erect non-illuminated signs, 1 No. projecting sign and 1 No. non-illuminated Lozenge sign.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as the proposed signage is non-illuminated.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 47.6 2/2019/0923/HOUSE – 18th September 2019 – Mr R Boulton – 23 White Cliff Mill Street – Dismantle and rebuild 10m of garden wall.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is a rebuild of the existing wall.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

47.7 2/2019/1192/HOUSE – 19th September 2019 – Mr B Muncaster – 53 Marston Close – Erect 1 No. first floor extension.

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

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

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

47.8 2/2019/1239/HOUSE – 25th September 2019 – Mr & Mrs J Butler – Kingsway, Kings Road – Erect 1 No. garage and garden store (demolish existing garage).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (11 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Highways Authority approval.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

None.

50. **TO RESPOND TO A NALC POLICY CONSULTATION FOR 5G MOBILE COVERAGE IN RURAL AREA**

Cllr S Hitchings left the meeting at 7.59pm.

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The Town Council approved the answers to Question 1, 3.1 and 5.1, as outlined below.

Q1 – The ambition to extend 5G mobile coverage to rural areas is cautiously welcomed, especially to ‘total not spots’ or ‘partial not spots’ as this will enable the rural economy to grow and create quality Hi-Tec employment, and allow existing businesses to thrive. Any rollout should ensure coverage for phone calls, messaging service and data.

Q3.1

Blandford Forum Town Council supports NALCS stated position on the amendment of the extension of permitted development rights.

In the extension of this to rural communities any application to site apparatus should always be subject to a planning application to a local planning authority as the local community and the LPA are best positioned to assess the likely impact of the siting and appearance of apparatus on sensitive environments. The application could be considered

50. TO RESPOND TO A NALC POLICY CONSULTATION FOR 5G MOBILE COVERAGE IN RURAL AREA (CONT.)

by the Planning Committee who may make recommendations and amendments accordingly
(MHLG consultation document 13 b i refers)

Blandford Forum Town Council also supports NALC’s position on new build houses, and considers that, for rural areas (wherever this is feasible and economically viable) fibre optic broadband will also support the government’s ambition.

Q5.1 Blandford Forum Town Council supports NALC’S stated position. Whilst the Town Council understands that wider bases and greater heights of masts may be necessary to achieve the widespread rollout of 5G coverage, as with Q3.1(above) that whilst extending permitted development rights may help to speed up the extension of coverage, that any mast should be subject to a full planning application and proper consultation with local councils and the LPA. We request that reassurance should be given about the safety of the installation of the 5G masts before they can be accepted in the community.

Blandford Forum Town Council is aware that there are doubts about the scientific health and safety aspects of these to humans, animals, insects and birds, and therefore urges DAPTC in their response to the government to request that this should be investigated. The Town Council would also like to note that the country of origin has banned this technology.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

51. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

51.1 Gerald Dickens – The Assistant Town Clerk reminded Councillors that tickets are available from the Town Clerk’s office for the Gerald Dickens performance of A Christmas Carol in the Corn Exchange on Friday 22nd November 2019.

51.2 Grant Conditions – The Town Clerk submitted the final grant reports to the Football Association for the football club works at £12,729 and The National Lottery for the Woodhouse Gardens pavilion extension at £10,000 and has now received confirmation from both organisations that they are satisfied that the terms of the grants have been met and the funds have been transferred. The LEADER grant fund has extended the deadline for the arches project from 30th September 2019 to 14th October 2019 and the Town Clerk is in the process of submitting the report for this final claim, the overall total for which is £46,606.20.

51.3 DAPTC Councillors Seminar - The Assistant Town Clerk asked if any Councillor would like to attend the seminar on Thursday 10th October at Kingston Mauward, as there is a space available.

The meeting closed at 8:14pm.

SIGNED: DATED: