

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 29th July 2019 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange

PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr H White
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr S Hitchings

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr A Cross
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr C Jacques

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Operations Manager
Dr Sylvia Hixson Andrews

Assistant Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

19. PUBLIC SESSION

19.1 Cllr White thanked Councillors for the well wishes and warned that a scam e-mail was sent from his account.

19.2 Cllr S Hitchings thanked staff for a very well organised Skate Fest on Sunday as well as Cllr Stevens for his involvement and the Stour Rotary Club for their assistance. The event was a great success with an attendance of 100 to 150 people. There have been positive comments on Facebook. Cllr S Hitchings commented that unfortunately DWP had not emptied the bins in Stour Park since the Friday and this let the whole event down. The service they provide around the town is not satisfactory. The Town Clerk reported that the bins are overflowing across the whole of the meadows and that this has been reported to DWP. She also thanked Cllr Stevens and the Caretaker for their involvement in the event.

20. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Hitchings – Vice-Chairman of Council
Cllr J Stayt

Cllr D Russell

21. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Quayle declared an interest in agenda item number 10 as he is a member of the Blandford Arches Railway Trust and will not vote.

22. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24TH JUNE 2019

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (8 in favour, 5 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

23. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

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

23.1 2/2019/0783/HOUSE – 20th June 2019 - Mr G Paver – 1 Fields Oak – Infill existing covered entrance.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no material planning consideration.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23.2 2/2019/0817/HOUSE – 25TH June 2019 – Mr & Mrs Whitlock – 14 Peel Close – Erect two storey extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no material planning consideration and the dwelling does not overlook anything.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23.3 2/2019/0851/FUL – 27th June 2019 – Dorset Healthcare University – Blandford Hospital – Install replacement windows.

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

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

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

None

26. **TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR A HISTORIC CONDITION SURVEY FOR THE CORN EXCHANGE**

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

The Town Council approves delegated expenditure authority of up to £7,880.00 to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Corn Exchange Working Group, the Town Clerk and Operations Manager once all the quotations have been received from the architect (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

27. **TO RESPOND TO THE PUBLIC CONSULTATION FOR THE DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING POLICY STATEMENT OF COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

The paper was noted (See Appendix C).

No vote took place on Question 1 but the consensus was to agree with the Statement of Community Involvement.

Questions 2 and 3 were responded to together.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (8 in favour, 5 abstentions) that

The Town Council recognises that, although the intention is to consult as widely as possible, the language needs to be strengthened to underline their intention to consult with elected bodies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

28. **TO CONSIDER THE REMOVAL OF THE GREEN PALISADE FENCING AT THE FOOT OF THE RAILWAY ARCHES**

The paper was noted (See Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clark, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 abstention, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council moves the green palisade fencing to accommodate the staircase and will consult with the Health & Safety advisor again for possible options.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Town Clerk will approach Dorset Council to see if the lease can be transferred to the Blandford Arches Railway Trust.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

29. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO A PROPOSED LAND REGISTRY NOTICE**

The paper was noted (See Appendix E).

The registry notice was noted.

30. **CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

30.1 **Blandford Brewery** – The Town Council has received an invitation for a representative of the Council to attend the neighbour consultation event on Tuesday 30th July between 2pm and 6pm in the Brewery Hall of the Hall & Woodhouse site. The event will provide an opportunity for local residents and Town Councillors to see the emerging plans for approximately 63 dwellings on Lot 1. Cllr Carter confirmed that he will attend.

30.2 **Temporary Road Closure** – All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Oak View in the vicinity of 6 Oak View in both directions, approximately five metres. This notice will enable Dorset

Council to carry out works to repair a collapsed sewer. The works started on 22nd July and should be completed by 2nd August.

30. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)

- 30.3 VE Day 75 – The Working Group had its first meeting last week. The Town Clerk has contacted a piper for the 3pm Civic Party celebrations. The Crown Hotel has been added to the distribution list to attend the Working Group meetings. The Veterans Breakfast Club organiser has also been in touch and would like to host a breakfast in the Corn Exchange on Saturday 9th May.
- 30.4 Public Art Working Group – The artist Tim Ward will meet Dr Hixson Andrews from the Blandford Museum to find out more about the history of Blandford Forum to incorporate in the design.
- 30.5 Dorset Council Meeting – John Sellgren and Matt Prosser held a meeting with some Dorset Clerks on Wednesday 24th July. John Sellgren is visiting Blandford shortly to meet with the Town Clerk.
- 30.6 WW1 Book – The Town Clerk has nine copies of the recently published book and asked Councillors if they wanted to buy a book for £12.00 each.
- 30.7 Railway Arches Funding – The Town Clerk confirmed that out of the £46,951.20 LEADER grant funding the Town Council paid £1,130 as a contribution towards the interpretation board, from which £600 was committed for an information board several years ago. Approximately £18,000 was spent by the Town Council on vegetation removal in the past, and making the structure safe.

The meeting closed at 8:13pm.

SIGNED: DATED: