



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To: All Town Councillors
Members of the Public & Press

District & County Councillors

Dear Member

TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council Planning Committee which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum on **Monday 30th July 2018 at 7.00 pm** to consider the following items.

Linda Scott-Giles
Town Clerk
23rd July 2018

A G E N D A

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Council, during which time members of the public may speak. During the course of the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the County and District Councils may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Council may on occasion invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where points of information or their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Council. Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

1. Public Session
2. Apologies
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 25th June 2018
5. Appendix A – New Planning Applications (refer to draft Appendix A attached)
6. Appendix B – NDDC Decisions on Planning Applications and Applications Awaiting Decisions (paper to follow)
7. Site Visits/NDDC Planning Meetings
8. To consider a proposal for this year's pantomime (paper attached)
9. To consider a 'Love Your Verge' proposal from DCC (paper attached)
10. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

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PLANNING APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Planning Meeting on Monday 30th July 2018

	Application & Date	Application Details	Recommendations
1	2/2018/0826/LBC Maureen Tristram 27 th June 2018	Lyston House, 32 East Street Remove internal walls and partitioning to attached outbuilding. Remove and replace flat roof, replace window with door and carry out associated internal and external alterations.	
2	2/2018/0442/LBC Mr John Neish 29 th June 2018	9 Market Place Erect 3 No. non-illuminated fascia signs and carry out associated external alterations.	
3	2/2018/0443/ADV Mr John Neish 29 th June 2018	9 Market Place Erect 3 No. non-illuminated fascia signs.	
4	2/2018/0839/HOUSE Mr & Mrs Vincent 11 th July 2018	16 Hambledon Close Erect 1 no. first floor extension	
5	2/2018/0758/FUL Miss Katrina Little 9 th July 2018	Unit 1 Holland Business Park, Holland Way Change of use from B1, B2 and B8 to A1 retail warehouse and B8 Storage	
6	2/2018/0759/ADV Miss Katrina Little 11 th July 2018	Unit 1 Holland Business Park, Holland Way Erect 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign	

Previous applications:

None

To consider a proposal for this year's pantomime

Introduction

For the last three years the Town Council has paid a company, based in Essex, to put on a pantomime at the Corn Exchange. This has been at a cost of approximately £1,000 and the Town Council has kept the ticket receipts to offset the cost of the performance. In addition, staff time is spent on promoting and organising the event, selling tickets and with staff in attendance at the event. Flyers are also printed for the school bags at local schools. Last year there was a small profit of less than £50. However, feedback from both the public and the staff in attendance has indicated that the quality of the performances has declined over the years leading to several complaints and refunds for a number of attendees.

Report

It was therefore decided to ask a local individual to put on the pantomime, with the hope that the quality of performance offered to the public would improve and have the added benefit of supporting local performers. He has gathered a group of performers together and all those involved will be local to the town and familiar to the stage and the Corn Exchange, therefore having a much better idea about what is required to make the production a success. In addition, they would like to put on three performances on a Friday and Saturday (early) evening with a matinee on the Sunday.

This group would like to work with the Town Council to make this an annual event which improves every year and attracts attendees from outside the area. This benefits not only the town but also the building itself. It will help to re-establish it as a community facility that offers quality entertainment locally, thus bringing money into the local economy which was formerly spent elsewhere. The group approached has been formed by the individuals responsible for the Comedy Exchange and other events successfully held in the building recently.

As this is the first pantomime production to be delivered by this newly formed group, it is suggested that the fee the Town Council normally pays for the annual pantomime is used to cover the costs for venue hire for the full dress/tech rehearsals and performances in December totalling £636 + VAT. The group then manages the promotion and ticket sales and keeps the ticket income to be reinvested for future productions, specifically pantomimes, in the Corn Exchange.

It is further suggested that the Town Hall or Corn Exchange is available for three hours on a Sunday afternoon, in the weeks leading up to the event, for rehearsals. This could be offered free of charge and should a hiring be requested then the rehearsals would move elsewhere, even at short notice.

Financial Implications

The Corn Exchange Promotions budget line is used for the annual pantomime and it is suggested that £636 + VAT is transferred to the Corn Exchange Income budget line. Therefore, the actual cost to the Town Council would be zero as opposed to the £1,000 paid last year for one performance. The use of the venue on the Sundays would also not result in the Council losing income as it would only be allowed on the basis of the venue being empty.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council approves the reallocation of £636 + VAT to cover the cost of the venue hire in December for the pantomime and that the Town Hall or Corn Exchange is available free of charge for three hours on a Sunday afternoon in the weeks leading up to the show. The group has agreed to include 'Supported by Blandford Forum Town Council' in its publicity for the pantomime.

Jon Goodenough
Operations Manager
19th July 2018

To consider a 'Love Your Verge' proposal from DCC

Introduction

The Litter Free Dorset Project Officer has written to invite the Town Council to take part in the Love Your Verge campaign, in an attempt to cut down on the amount of litter that is left on the highway.

This would usually be a Town & General Purposes Committee matter, but there is not a meeting until 1st October and the summer months tend to be when most litter is left.

Report

Litter Free Dorset is made up of a group of local organisations, charities and community groups. They all work together to reduce the social, economic and environmental impacts of litter. This is done by trying to stop littering behaviour in the first place and through clean ups and campaigns. More information can be found at <http://www.litterfreedorset.co.uk/current-projects-and-campaigns/loveyourverge/>.

The campaign is about telling people why roadside verges are important and how litter thrown from cars can be a real problem. They hope by doing this there will be a reduction in roadside litter on our Dorset roads. The campaign was piloted in Weymouth, Sherborne and Blandford this spring with excellent feedback. Councillors may recall the stag beetle signage on the bypass.



Litter Free Dorset are looking into getting some new signs made for town/parish councils to hire, with a 6 month rolling schedule across Dorset, a month in each location.

They have asked if the Town Council would be interested in being able to hire them along with answering the questions below:

- In your opinion, what are the main litter hotspots for roadside litter in your area?
- How much would you consider paying to hire a 'Love your verge' sign for a 1 month period (installation costs included)?
- Which sign do you prefer? The flowers or the hedgehog? (images right)



Financial Implications

If Councillors would like to be involved in this campaign, the Town Improvements or Tourism budget lines could be used. Assuming the installation costs would be approximately £50, a starting figure for one month's hire (to include installation and removal) could be £200.

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Town Council considers the proposal from Litter Free Dorset and agrees on a response.

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Town Clerk
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