

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd September 2018 at 7:07pm

PRESENT

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Chairman
Cllr R Carter – Chairman of Council
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr John Stayt
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr H White
Cllr P Clark

Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr Jackie Stayt
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr D Robinson
Cllr H Galpin

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Operations Manager
Members of the public
District Cllr Cooper
Gerry Choat – Aster Group Housing Association

Assistant Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press
District Cllr Tanner
Matt Holmes – CL Planning Ltd

29. PUBLIC SESSION

Nine residents spoke in objection to planning application 2/2018/0981/OUT - Nordon, Salisbury Road.

29.1 Mr Williamson objected on the ground of increase in traffic, loss of the existing house and the environmental impact of the felling of trees.

29.2 Mrs Williamson objected due to the slow worms in the area, the impact of the removal of the trees and the demolition of the house.

Cllr Lindsay left the meeting at 7.21pm.

29.3 Mr Field would like to know if the residents of Blandford Forum will benefit from this sale. He also commented that the public transport is not viable and there is no bus between 8am and 9am.

Cllr Lindsay returned to the meeting at 7.24pm.

29.4 Mr Turnbull commented that Historic England opposed to Nordon being demolished and requested a recorded vote.

29.5 Ms Greenfield objected as the new buildings will be imposing and overlooking on her property due to the height difference and she would like to know what boundary fences will be installed.

29.6 Cllr Tanner is of the opinion that the Nordon building could be converted as other sites within Blandford have shown and it is the last chance for NDDC to leave a legacy to Blandford. He can confirm that slow worms are in that area.

29.7 Mr Bowles commented that the development will devalue his property and that the boundaries need to be raised. There is no report about owls and woodpeckers. The current protected trees are not allowed to be cut back but under this development they would be removed.

29.8 Mr Richards objected to the increase in traffic and that there are not enough GPs in Blandford to cope with the increase.

- 29.9 Mr Holmes thanked everyone for their comments and responded to residents' concerns.
- 29.2 Cllr White commented that there was no consultation from NDDC with Town Council about what is going to happen with the Nordon site. About 5000+ residents live north of the old railway line and they have no facility or meeting place. Cllr White commented that it is not clear if the site has been sold yet and asks for District Councillors to put a stop to any sale until it is agreed how that area can best be serviced.

30. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr H Mieville

31. **TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Cllrs Jackie Stayt and Lacey-Clarke declared that taking part in the discussions and votes on new planning applications at this meeting, has been done on the understanding that their decisions are based on the information available at this time and that they reserve the right to change those decisions when the applications are discussed at North Dorset District Council. Cllrs Jackie Stayt and Lacey-Clarke will leave the room during discussions of planning application 2/2018/0981/OUT – Nordon, Salisbury Road as North Dorset District Council are the owner of the site.

32. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2018**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED unanimously (9 in favour, 5 non-votes) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 33.1 2/2018/0981/OUT – Aster Group Ltd – 27th July 2018 – Nordon, Salisbury Road – Develop the land by the erection of 36 No. houses, 4 No. maisonettes, form vehicular access and create 80 No. parking spaces, (outline application to determine access and layout).

Cllrs Jackie Stayt and Lacey-Clarke left the room at 7.47pm.

Cllr Quayle objects to this application in his capacity as a County Councillor as one of the concerns is the increase in parking required.

Cllr Carter would like to see a thorough investigation of the site and hopes NDDC will listen to the concerns of residents.

Cllr White proposes to object to the development on social and cultural grounds.

Cllr S Hitchings re-iterated that Historic England have objected to the development already. He is concerned about the increase in traffic and feels NDDC would rather receive the money than improve facilities for this town. Cllr S Hitchings asked for the vote to be recorded.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr H White, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 abstention, 2 non-votes), with the recorded vote being that

Cllr L Hitchings – in favour
Cllr John Stayt – abstention

Cllr S Hitchings – in favour
Cllr Galpin – in favour

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Cllr Clark – in favour
Cllr Lindsay – in favour
Cllr Quayle – in favour
Cllr Osborne – in favour
Cllr Jackie Stayt – non-vote

Cllr Stevens – in favour
Cllr White – in favour
Cllr Carter – in favour
Cllr Robinson – in favour
Cllr Lacey-Clarke – non-vote

The Town Council objects to the application on the grounds of highway issues, lack of social facilities and the loss of trees.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman paused the meeting at 8.01pm.
The Chairman convened the meeting at 8.12pm.

- 33.2 2/2018/0905/LBC – Ms L Woodhouse – 30th July 2018 – Three Choughs Inn, West Street – Remove damaged plaster and repair to match existing. Remove corrugated membrane low level, reinstate and carry out associated internal and external alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 33.3 2/2018/0817/LBC – NatWest – 9th August 2018 – 23-25 Market Place – Installation of new fibre and copper cabling and carry out associated internal alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 33.4 2/2018/0858/FUL – Mrs A Morris – 9th August 2018 – Panda Pre School, Milldown Road – Extend existing decking area and cover with Perspex roof with a balustrade across the front and steps down to garden. Replace window on west elevation with door to allow access to decking area.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 33.5 2/2018/1008/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs Heath – 13th August 2018 – 36 Larksmead – Erect two storey side extension and balcony over existing garage and single storey rear extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 33.6 2/2018/0973/HOUSE – Mr E Smith – 13th August 2018 – 4 Windmill Road – Demolish part of front boundary wall and create vehicular access and 1 No. parking space, (drop kerb).

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 33.7 2/2018/0960/FUL – BFTC – 16th August 2018 – Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion, the Tabernacle – Erect single storey extension

The Town Council has noted the application.

34. **APPENDIX B – NDDC DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

The Town Council writes to the NDDC planning department to enquire why application 2/2018/0889/PIP was not referred to Committee but decided by the officer.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

35. **SITE VISITS/NDDC DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT MEETINGS**

Cllr Lacey-Clarke reported that there will be a meeting next week but no applications for Blandford Forum are included.

36. **TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR USE OF THE TOWN CREST**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The Town Council approves the request of using the crest, with delegation to the Town Clerk and Chairman and Vice-Chairman of Council for approval of the final design.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BRIEF AND APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR THE CORN EXCHANGE (SENT BY EMAIL 7TH AUGUST 2018)**

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

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

37. **TO RECEIVE AND APPROVE THE BRIEF AND APPOINTMENT LETTER FOR THE CORN EXCHANGE (SENT BY EMAIL 7TH AUGUST 2018) (CONT.)**

The Town Council approves the brief and appointment letter, with the caveat that Historic England will definitely be consulted, and not just possibly and to remove one of the Stage 2 headlines so there is only one Stage 2 headline.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

38. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE FOLLOWING CONSULTATIONS:**

- 38.1 A consultation on proposed planning reforms for exploratory shale gas development in England (deadline: 25 October 2018)
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ministers-seek-views-on-shale-planning-reforms>

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

The Town Council will not discuss this item.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 38.2 A consultation on the Local Government Association green paper for adult social care and wellbeing (deadline 26th September 2018)
<https://futureofadultsocialcare.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/The-lives-we-want-to-lead-LGA-Green-Paper-July-2018.pdf>

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

The Town Council will vote on this individually.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 39.1 Road Closure - The Assistant Town Clerk informed Councillors of the rolling road closure for the carnival procession on 8th September.
- 39.2 Road Closure - The Assistant Town Clerk informed Councillors of the Market Place closure on Sunday 9th September for the Free Expression Arts Festival.
- 39.3 Public Art Plan - £56,000 from Persimmon are to be spent at Badbury Heights only for public art. The Town Council has drafted a Public Art Plan which has been sent to Hugh de Iongh at NDDC and the Cultural Development Officer at WDDC who has complimented the plan, which now needs to be approved by Town Council at the meeting on 17th September. Blandford Art Society are currently looking at the plan.
- 39.4 Railway Arches – The application for £5,500 funding of S106 Lidl money has been successful. The rest of the £47,000 is coming from LEADER funding.
- 39.5 Charter 800 Market – The event is going ahead and seems to be very well received on Facebook. The museum is doing a historic display, the town silver will be on display and the Stour Valley Band and Time Traveller Kitchen will be outside.

The meeting closed at 8:50pm.

SIGNED: DATED:

