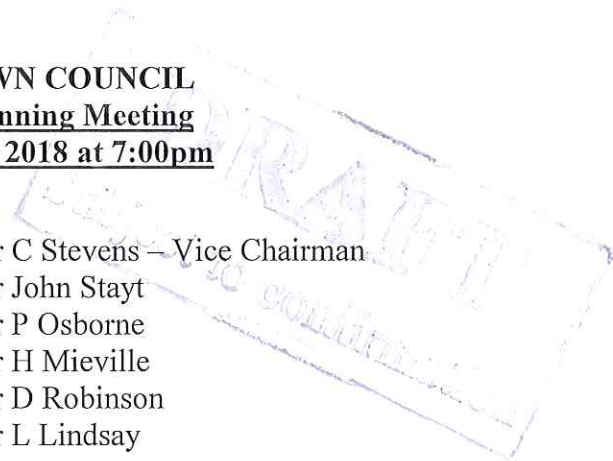


BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd December 2018 at 7:00pm



PRESENT

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

Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman
Cllr John Stayt
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr D Robinson
Cllr L Lindsay

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Operations Manager

Assistant Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

57. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

58. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr Jackie Stayt

Cllr B Quayle

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

Cllr 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 his decisions are based on the information available at this time and that he reserves the right to change those decisions when the applications are discussed at North Dorset District Council.

60. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5th NOVEMBER 2018

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr John Stayt and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

61. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

61.1 2/2018/1347/LBC – Mr L Harvey – 30th October 2018 – Greyhound Inn, Market Place – Carry out structural remedial works to existing roof and any internal and external alterations in association to this.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

61. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

61.2 2/2018/1433/HOUSE – Mr P Ensor – 5th November 2018 – 40 St Leonards Avenue – Install Front, Rear and Side Dormer Windows to form accommodation in roof space.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

61.3 2/2018/1429/LBC – Mr Wride – 9th November 2019 – 69 Salisbury Street – Remove and replace existing door and ground floor window and carry out associated external alterations

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

61.4 2/2018/1527/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs S Ellis – 15th November 2018 – 5 Larksmead– Erect two storey side extension; erect single storey rear extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

61.5 2/2018/1532/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs Price – 15th November 2018 – 31 Hinton Close – Erect single storey extension to front of property.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr John Stayt and AGREED (9 in favour, 3 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

61.6 2/2018/1590/REM – Bellway Homes (Wessex) Ltd – 19th November 2018 – Land South West of, Blandford Forum Bypass, Blandford St Mary – Erect 211 No. dwellings with garages, parking and associated infrastructure. (Reserved matters application (Phase 1) to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following grant of Outline Planning Permission No. 2/2015/1935/OUT).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr John Stayt, but NOT SECONDED that the Town Council is sympathetic to the development subject to a resolution to the bridge.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (9 in favour, 1 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council objects to the application unless the pedestrian access from the development site to the Town Centre is re-assessed and a bridge is built for residents.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 61.7 2/2018/1286/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs Hale – 20th November 2018 – Squirrels Leap, The Milldown – Erect first floor extension over existing garage.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville but no vote took place that the Town Council objects to the application due to the cladding.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr John Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (7 in favour, 5 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 61.8 2/2018/1552/HOUSE – Mr D Miller – 20th November 2018 – Rosecroft, Milldown Road – Erect boundary fence and gates.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council objects to the application as there is no sight line when entering the road.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 61.9 2/2018/1405/FUL – BFTC – 22nd November 2018 – Recreation Ground, Cricket Pavilion Park Road – Erect single storey extension (implement store to be demolished).

The application was noted.

- 61.10 2/2018/1568/VARIA – Not Available – 22nd November 2018 – Former 44-48 East Street – Subdivide existing retail premises into four retail shop units. (Variation of condition 2 to allow two small shop units to be combined into one larger shop unit)

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

63. **TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR A LANDSCAPE SCALE 5-YEAR INITIATIVE FOR CRANBORNE CHASE & CHALKE VALLEY**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The Town Council respectfully declines the offer of writing a letter of support.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

64. **TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR A NEW 'DORSET RECYCLES' IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Lindsay and AGREED (8 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council supports the idea of education but has a policy of no internally illuminated signs and therefore the town centre location, being a conservation area, is inappropriate. The Town Council would suggest the location of Morrisons car park, which has a high footfall.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

Cllr Lacey-Clarke informed Councillors that the next Planning meeting is on Tuesday 4th December and that the planning application for the Nordon site is not on the agenda.

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

- 66.1 E-mail from Jean Marshall, Head of Planning – The Assistant Town Clerk wrote to the Head of Planning as requested at the last Planning Meeting. The response received reiterated that the timescales for the determination of applications are set out in legislation and the 23-day date (no longer 21 days) is the deadline for comments from consultees. You are of course quite right that many applications are determined after that date, but not all, some go through very close to the 23 days.

It is not uncommon for Town or Parishes to be given an extension of time if requested early and provided it is a reasonable extension of a week or so but this will need to continue to be requested for individual applications as this cannot be changed from the default legislative timescales.

It is true to say that at present there is a delay in validation for North Dorset area due to some significant long term staff illness and holidays within that team and with the separate computer systems there is limited resilience to be able to switch staff from other areas to cover as the systems operate totally differently – one of the main reasons for pursuing the single system for ICT across the Partnership as this will enable greater resilience for all staff, business support, validation and planners alike.

- 66.2 Continuation of planned work to Blandford Bridge & Flood Arches – This is to inform Councillors that work is planned to start next week to replace a number of badly eroded stones to the flood arches adjacent to Blandford Bridge. This forms part of the refurbishment work that started last year and is intended to continue into next year. This part of the work will be carried out to the underside and elevations of the arches and will not affect road traffic. A small, temporary scaffold platform will be erected to facilitate the work. Work is intended to be completed by 21 December 2018. We will advise you of the further planned work in due course.
- 66.3 Temporary Traffic Regulation Order - Tin Pot Lane – The road will be closed between 21st March 2019 and 25th March 2019 between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 to enable maintenance work to be carried out but will be reopened during the day and at weekends.

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

- 66.4 Promotional Video – The video was shared on the Town Council Facebook page last week and the feedback received has been very positive. So far it has been viewed 16,000 times, shared 326 times and some of the comments are:
A wonderful representation of Blandford Forum. Gorgeous. Enjoyed watching, A fantastic film. This is amazing. Great video of the town. Feel proud to call it home. A fantastic capture of Blandford.
- 66.5 Rotary Toys for Christmas – The Rotary Club have collected over 1000 toys. Hard and soft toys, games, puzzles and even a toddler slide! It was a hugely successful event. Several donors learnt about it through a post shared on the Town Council Facebook page, which they are very thankful for.
- 66.6 Free Christmas parking – There has been some feedback on social media that the free parking signs were not obvious or had in fact been removed/flown away. Some suggestions were that big signs are placed at every car park entrance or that the machines are turned off. The Assistant Town Clerk has contacted DCC who have confirmed that neither is possible. The Town Council will place additional signs over the buttons on the free parking day.

The meeting closed at 8:03pm.

SIGNED: DATED:

