

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 5th February 2018 at 7:11pm

PRESENT

Cllr C Stevens – Chairman
Cllr P Clark – Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr D Robinson
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr H White
Cllr Jackie Stayt
Cllr H Galpin

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman
Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr John Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Operations Manager
District Cllr B Cooper
Mr Long

Assistant Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press
Mr G Manson
Mr Jones

79. PUBLIC SESSION

- 79.1 Mr Manson spoke about his application, agenda item 5.4, to build a car port with two spaces with a small log store on the site. The applicant has taken the previous comments from Town Councillors into consideration and has reviewed his application accordingly.
- 79.2 Mr Jones, a planning consultant, spoke on behalf of the applicant for item 5.3 and 5.7. No car parking has been provided as it is a town centre location. The flats are at first floor level with no risk to flooding.
- 79.3 Ms Brown spoke on behalf of the Civic Society on agenda item 5.3 and 5.7. A response is being compiled at the moment, but she would like to say that they have objected to the Greyhound Square site as the TIC and toilet space is not big enough. With regards to Riverside House, there is likely to be an objection because of mass and scale and no offering for parking when people will be travelling to work and need parking. Commercial units also need parking spaces. In the bricks of the toilet block there is a brick sculpture, and the Society has asked for it to be preserved when the block is being demolished.

80. APOLOGIES

None

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

Cllr Jackie Stayt declared that taking part in the discussions and vote on new planning applications at this meeting, has been done on the understanding that her decisions are based on the information available at this time and that she reserve the right to change those decisions when the applications are discussed at North Dorset District Council.

Cllr Clark declared an interest in item 5.5 as he is the applicant and he will leave the room during discussion and voting.

All Councillors declared a prejudicial interest in item 5.3 and 5.7 as the Town Council supports the TIC and manages the toilets.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke declared an interest in item 5.7, being a District Councillor and will abstain.

82. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15TH JANUARY 2018**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

The Chairman brought agenda items 5.4, 5.3 and 5.7 forward due to members of the public being present.

83.1 2/2017/1909/HOUSE – 21st December 2017 – Mr G Manson - Parklands, Milldown Road – Erect timber car port and entrance gates

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

83.2 2/2017/1934/OUT – 17th January 2018 – Lolligio Ltd – Land South Of 4 Greyhound Square, Market Place – Develop the land by the erection of 1 No. building comprising Tourist Information Centre and 3 No. commercial units (use classes A1, A2 or A3). (Outline application to determine access and scale).

Councillors felt that it would be more beneficial for the toilets and TIC to have a separate entrance and Cllr White pointed out that this is only for outline planning permission at this stage.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

83.3 2/2017/1899/OUT – 29th January 2018 – Lolligio Ltd - Riverside House And Land To The North, West Street – Develop land by the erection of a threestorey building comprising of ground floor commercial space (Use Classes A1/A2/A3) and 20 No. residential apartments above. Demolish existing building. (Outline application to determine scale and access only).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson but NOT AGREED (6 in favour, 8 against, 1 abstention) that the Town Council objects to the application, on the basis of scale, overdevelopment of the area and lack of parking.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (7 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 83.4 2/2017/1886/LBC – 16th January 2018 – Mrs Laura Aitken – Crown and Anchor, 11 West Street – Carry out internal alterations and all associated works in connection with this.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 against, 3 abstention) that

The Town Council takes no decision as the works have already been carried out.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 83.5 2/2017/1949/LBC – 18th January 2018 – Mrs S Mortimer – Shottsford Cottage, 70 Salisbury Street – Remove and replace existing render with lime render and carry out external alterations and associated works

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark left the meeting at 7.57pm.

- 83.6 2/2017/1922/FUL – 24th January 2018 – Mr P Clark - Land South Of, 52 Salisbury Street – Demolish storage building and erect 1 No. dwelling.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (14 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark returned to the meeting 8.00pm.

- 83.7 2/2018/0020/LBC – 29th January 2018 – Mrs A Valentine - 26 Orchard Street – Remove and replace wood panelling on the south-east internal wall, re-plaster with traditional lime plaster and carry out associated internal alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the Planning Officer being satisfied that the application is in line with the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 83.8 2/2017/1955/FUL – 29th January 2018 – Mr Simon Heal - The Railway Hotel Oakfield Street – Covert Railway Hotel and Skittle Alley to 4 dwellings; erect a detached dwelling at the rear of the site and create 3 No. parking spaces, (demolish outbuildings).

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

The Town Council objects to the application, due to overdevelopment and lack of amenity space.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Assistant Town Clerk requested that Councillors note application 2/2017/1835/LBC - Corn Exchange and Town Hall Market Place, as the Town Council is the applicant and will not be able to vote. This was agreed, and the application will not be discussed at the March Planning Meeting.

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

The paper was tabled (see Appendix B).

85. **SITE VISITS/NDDC PLANNING MEETINGS**

None

86. **PLANNING CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 86.1 Persimmon Update – Councillors will be aware that the contract for the Phase 2 play area is currently on Contracts Finder, in line with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, and it has also been added to the European Publication although this was not necessary due to the amount involved but is best practice. Jon and I have met with six contractors and their quotations must be received by the deadline on Monday 12th February. Cllr Lindsay, Jon, Sally and I will then be scoring the proposals on Tuesday 13th February and shortlisting to just three. These will then be uploaded to our website, a newsletter will be printed and hand delivered to Persimmon residents and a consultation/survey will be held until 28th February. Cllr Lindsay and staff will consider the results of the public consultation and will then publicise the outcome and place the order.

- 86.2 Toilet Cleaning Contract – Councillors will be aware that last year we were unable to tender the toilet cleaning contract due to the uncertainty of the potential relocation of the TIC/toilets. This has therefore been on a rolling contract for a year and we are going to continue with this as the situation has not yet been resolved.

- 86.3 Temporary Road Closure – From 12th February to 16th February between the hours of 21:00 and 6:00 all vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along West Street, between its junctions with Market Place and Bournemouth Road.

The meeting closed at 8:07pm.

SIGNED: DATED: