

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7:00pm**

**PRESENT**

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

Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr Jackie Stayt  
Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr H Mieville  
Cllr D Robinson

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Operations Manager  
District Cllr Cooper

Assistant Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press  
Caroline Lewis – Dorset Echo

**49. PUBLIC SESSION**

- 49.1 Cllr John Stayt referred to his apology at the last Town Council meeting and his e-mail sent to all Councillors, the Youth Advisors and Nicci Brown and wanted to ensure that everyone is aware that his apology is sincere.
- 49.2 Cllr Carter gave a speech apologising to Councillors, Officers and all present at the Town Council meeting on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October that he did not deal with the situation correctly and not followed the Code of Conduct. The shock of the moment and not hearing what was said by Cllr John Stayt constrained his response. Actions have been taken since and Cllr John Stayt apologised which has been accepted. Cllr Carter re-iterated that racist language will not be tolerated and hopes that this can be closed now, and the council can concentrate on its normal business.
- 49.3 Cllr Cooper spoke about the proposed development north of the bypass. The papers published display Longbourne and not Langbourne, which needs to be amended. It is a major development for the town.

**50. APOLOGIES**

Cllr L Hitchings

Cllr L Lindsay

**51. 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.

Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 5.8 and will leave the room and not take part in the voting.

Cllr Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 5.1 and will not take part in the voting.

**52. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 non-votes) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 53.1 2/2018/1421/DCC – DCC – 9<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – The Forum Centre, Park Road – The erection of a single storey extension providing one large meeting room and two 1:1 rooms/breakout spaces. The removal of an existing eucalyptus tree from within the courtyard to enable construction of the extension.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objection to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The Chairman decided to take agenda item 6.2 and 6.3 together.

- 53.2 2/2018/1198/LBC and 2/2018/1316/HOUSE – Mr J & T Williams – 1<sup>st</sup> October 2018 – St Leonards Farmhouse, Wimborne Road – Landscaping to rear of property to include erection of 6ft 6" close boarded fence, 1 No. Summer House on concrete base, trellis screening, Oak decking area, green house on concrete base, 1 No. shed with log store on concrete base, 1 No. Pergola cover, trellis panels. Replace existing patio. Install path, raised beds and water feature.

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to approval and compliance to the enhancement to a Grade 1 listed building.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 53.3 2/2018/1386/SCOEIA – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018 – Land North East of Blandford Forum – Request for scoping opinion relating to a proposed development of 700 dwellings, Primary School, Convenience Store, Cafe, Care Home, Doctors Surgery, Village/Community Hall and allotments in accordance with Regulation 15 of the Town and Country Planning (EIA) Regulations 2017 (the EIA Regulations).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council has no further comments but requests to include formal play areas in the scoping report.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 53.4 2/2018/1292/LBC – Mr P Dean – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Greyhound House, 2 Market Place – Demolish defective chimney stack and provide replacement (part retrospective). Carry out external alterations in connection with this.

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

**The Town Council as no objections to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The Chairman decided to take agenda item 6.6 and 6.7 together.

- 53.5 2/2018/1484/LBC and 2/2018/1294/ADV – Mrs N Bligh – 18<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – 43-43A East Street – Erect 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign (to place over existing sign).

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Clark left the meeting at 7.21pm.

- 53.6 2/2018/1150/FUL – Mr P Clark – 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – Land South Of, 52 Salisbury Street – Demolish building and erect 1 No. dwelling

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Clark returned to the meeting at 7.24pm.

- 53.7 2/2018/1336/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs Ruxton – 29<sup>th</sup> October 2018 – 14 Charles Street – Install dormer windows to the front and rear elevations to create additional living accommodation.

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

**The Town Council writes a letter to North Dorset District Council lamenting the slow speed at which planning applications are validated and decided and re-iterates that the Town Council does not always get the requested extension of time.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

There is a Planning Meeting on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, eight items are going to be discussed, but no applications for Blandford Forum are included.

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

- 56.1 Tree Preservation Order – The Assistant Town Clerk advised that the provisional Tree Preservation Order at LIDL, Wendal Road was confirmed without modification.
- 56.2 Temporary Road Closure - The Assistant Town Clerk confirmed that the road closure for Remembrance Sunday between 2.30pm and 4.30pm has been published for East Street, Market Place, Sheep Market Hill and part of Church Lane.
- 56.3 Great Dorset Steam Fayre Traffic Management - The GDSF organisers have responded to the traffic issues during their event, explaining that they had significantly increased the Traffic Management Budget for this year's event. Unfortunately, the 2017 Traffic Management company declined to quote for this year's show, which meant that they had to seek an alternative provider. They conducted their standard contractor checks and were satisfied with their due diligence, particularly as they had worked the event previously and work at other large events within the County and nationally. They appeared to be the logical choice, but unfortunately, they felt they were let down and not even an acceptable standard of service was provided by them. The matter is now in the hands of the GDSF Company Solicitors.

Cllr Galpin will attend the GDSF meeting this Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> November. If anyone has any further comments, they should please let him know.

Cllr Carter asked Councillors to please attend the school's Remembrance event on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 10am in the church yard. He also advised of a talk 'Lectures on Commonwealth war graves Commission/Art of the 1914-18 war' in the Corn Exchange on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November. He also reminded Councillors of his charity event Fabulous Forum on 17<sup>th</sup> November. During the latest and last 14-18 working group event they had 884 visitors over the four days, it was a successful event. He thanked the wonderful team of people working on this for the last four years.

The meeting closed at 7:38pm.

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