

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 7:01pm**

DRAFT  
to confirm

**PRESENT**

Cllr C Stevens – Chairman  
Cllr P Clark – Chairman of Council  
Cllr L Hitchings  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr H White  
Cllr Jackie Stayt  
Cllr H Galpin

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman  
Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr D Robinson  
Cllr L Lindsay  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr John Stayt

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Assistant Town Clerk  
Member of the public

Nicci Brown – Press

**87. PUBLIC SESSION**

- 87.1 Mrs Thornton spoke regarding agenda item 5.9. She is a neighbour and would like to acknowledge that the new plans do show an access gate and no further gates to block their access, as the previous application did. She thanked the Town Council for the opportunity to speak.
- 87.2 Cllr Stevens reported on the prostate cancer event the Blandford Lions held on 3<sup>rd</sup> March. They are hoping to hold another session as it was very successful.
- 87.3 Cllr Stevens reported on the Town and Parish Council Planning Seminar he attended on 8th March. There are two major changes that will affect the Town Council. Parish and Town Councils are consulted and have 21 days to respond and no extension of time will be granted. Planning applications will be determined by the Chairman, Vice Chairman and Head of Planning who will decide if an application is to be determined by the Planning Committee. Cllr Lacey-Clarke confirmed that we are still able to request for an application to go to Committee, but there is no guarantee. Cllr Jackie Stayt explained that this is national legislation, not local. Cllr White asked for a letter from Head of Planning to outline the new changes as he does not feel this is a democracy anymore. He would like the local MP to attend this Planning meeting to explain what he is going to do in parliament about this law. Cllr Osborne stated that we only meet once a month, but they want a decision within 21 days. Cllr Robinson requested for a letter to be sent to voice our concern and displeasure. The Appendix B shows that planning applications from September still do not have a decision from NDDC but the Town Council is pushed for a quick turnaround.

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

**The Town Council suspends Standing Orders.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

**The Town Council sends a letter to Head of Planning at Dorset Council Partnerships to show their disapproval and objection to the 21 days the Town Council is given, as the Planning Committee only meets once a month.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

87. **PUBLIC SESSION (CONT.)**

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

**The Town Council reinstates Standing Orders.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

88. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman of Council

Cllr H Mieville

89. **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 White declared an interest in item 5.2 as Trustee of William Williams and 5.4 as he is a neighbour and will not vote. Cllr S Hitchings declared an interest in agenda item 5.7 as he is a neighbour and will leave the room during the discussion and voting. Cllr Lacey Clarke declared an interest in agenda item 5.9 as his business is in Nightingale Court and will not vote. Cllr Galpin declared an interest in item 5.13 as he is an acquaintance and will not vote.

90. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

The Chairman brought agenda items 5.9 forward due to members of the public being present.

91.1 **2/2018/0105/FUL – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – Mr G Barker - Land South Of, 5 Nightingale Court – Erect building comprising 2 No. units with flexible Retail (Class A1), Café (Class A3) and Business (Class B1) uses.**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (12 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**

91.2 **2/2018/0021/FUL – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Mr & Mrs C Miles - 123 Salisbury Road– Remove existing roof, erect two storey extension and replace roof to form a two storey dwelling; erect single storey extension to form garage (demolish existing detached garage).**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clark, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 against) that

- 91.2 2/2018/0021/FUL – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Mr & Mrs C Miles - 123 Salisbury Road– Remove existing roof, erect two storey extension and replace roof to form a two storey dwelling; erect single storey extension to form garage (demolish existing detached garage).(Cont.)

**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**

- 91.3 2/2018/0037/LBC – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018 – Dr S Andrews – Blandford Town Museum, Beres Yard, Market Place – Install storm proof glass screen, remove stud partition, install 2 No. internal doors and install floor mounted kitchen units, carry out other internal alterations in association to this.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (12 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**

- 91.4 2/2018/0066/COU – 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 – Mr & Mrs G & S Hankey - 3A Market Place– Change of use from office (Class A2) to Beauty Salon (sui generis).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne 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**

- 91.5 2/2018/0039/HOUSE – 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2018 – Mr & Mrs Ford – 28 Hunt Road – Erect 2 storey extension (demolish existing conservatory)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 against, 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**

- 91.6 2/2018/0031/LBC – 5<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Mrs F Hussein – 5 Damory Street – Carry out internal alterations to cellar.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, 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**

- 91.7 2/2017/1760/LBC – 12<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Mr D Curry - 20 White Cliff Mill Street – Install woodburning stove and replace existing flue, carry out internal/external alterations in association with this.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson 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 S Hitchings left the room at 7.36pm

- 91.8 2/2018/0130/HOUSE– 15<sup>th</sup> February 2018 – Mrs G Parker - 32 Kings Road – Proposed single-storey side extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 abstention, 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 S Hitchings left the room at 7.38pm

- 91.9 2/2018/0063/HOUSE– 15<sup>th</sup> January 2018 – Mr & Mrs James - 54 Barnes Close – Erect two storey rear extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke 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**

- 91.10 2/2018/0215/HOUSE – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Mr & Mrs D Harding - 7 Alexandra Street – Erect single storey rear extension and form new window openings (demolish existing single storey extension).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle 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**

- 91.11 2/2018/0153/FUL – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Mr D Theron - Shottsford House , Fairfield Bungalows – Demolish existing 2.4 m timber fencing and replace with 3 metre high metal post and security fencing with access gate.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (6 in favour, 4 against, 3 abstentions) that

- 91.11 2/2018/0153/FUL – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Mr D Theron - Shottsford House , Fairfield Bungalows – Demolish existing 2.4 m timber fencing and replace with 3 metre high metal post and security fencing with access gate (Cont.)

**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**

- 91.12 2/2018/0160/HOUSE – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2018 – Miss Sidders - 11 Cadley Close – Erect 2 storey side extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Robinson, SECONDED by Cllr John 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**

- 91.13 2/2018/0224/FUL – 5<sup>th</sup> March 2018 – Mr Garry Abbott - Land Between River Stour And, Langton Road– Erect 1 No. dwelling, form vehicular access and parking. Erect boundary wall.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (12 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. The Town Council requests that the access to and from the site is scrutinised for its safety due its proximity to the road.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was tabled (see Appendix B).

Councillors would like it noted that only one application has had a decision, and this is not acceptable.

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

None

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

- 94.1 Planning Framework – The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the draft revised National Planning Policy Framework has been launched and a consultation is currently held, seeking views on the draft text. The consultation began on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> March and ends on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2018. Councillors agreed to form a working group, consisting of Cllrs Osborne and Jackie Stayt, who will respond to the consultation directly.

The meeting closed at 8:02pm.

SIGNED: ..... DATED: .....

