

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 8:00pm**

**PRESENT**

Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Chairman  
Cllr R Carter – Chairman of Council  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr P Clark  
Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr L Hitchings

Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman  
Cllr John Stayt  
Cllr H White  
Cllr L Lindsay  
Cllr Jackie Stayt  
Cllr H Mieville

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Operations Manager  
Cllr Cooper

Assistant Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press

**98. PUBLIC SESSION**

- 98.1 Cllr White requested that Councillors read the response from Pimperne Parish Council to the B+ Neighbourhood Plan and that a response is formed if necessary. The Town Clerk confirmed that there are some inaccuracies in the response and that she will respond to Pimperne Parish Council once the plan has gone to examination.
- 98.2 Cllr Stevens spoke on behalf of the Opportunity Group, there are now only two groups left in Dorset, out of originally nine. They have nine children in a special needs class at the moment. Funding will stop this year and they will have to raise £11,000 in additional funding, covering a vast area. They can keep going for another 9-12 months but need more funding. Cllr Carter is surprised that Dorset Council just stopped funding and wondered if Shadow Councillors can investigate this. Cllr Lacey-Clarke will look into it.
- 98.3 Cllr Carter spoke about his White Hart Link walk this Easter weekend, looking for Councillors to join him and to donate to his charities.

**99. APOLOGIES**

Cllr D Robinson

Cllr H Galpin

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

Cllrs 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 the Dorset Council.

**101. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2019**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

## 102. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

### 102.1.1 2/2019/0201/HOUSE – Mr & Mrs Forrest – 18<sup>th</sup> March 2019 – 30 St Leonards Avenue – Erect rear balcony/terrace with spiral staircase.

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

**The Town Council has no objection to the application due to limited impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

### 102.1.2 2/2019/0354/VARIA – Mr Laws – 5<sup>th</sup> April 2019 – The Paddocks, 23 Salisbury Street – Change of use and conversion of ground floor from retail/office (class A1) to a bar (Class A4), (without compliance with Condition No. 4 of Planning Permission No. 2/2017/0611/FUL to allow amplified or live music to be performed).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke but NOT AGREED (5 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions) that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr John Stayt and AGREED (7 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions) that

**The Town Council has no objection to the application, subject to the condition to only have amplified or live music on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday until 11pm.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

### 102.2 TO DISCUSS APPLICATION 2/2018/0381/OUT AND 2/2018/0379/OUT IN LIGHT OF NEW INFORMATION

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Jackie Stayt and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council requests that this is being decided by the Committee. The Town Council believes that this is not in accordance with the NPPF and the Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

## 103. APPENDIX B – NDDC DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

The paper was displayed.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Jackie Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

**The Town Council writes to the Dorset Council Planning department expressing its dissatisfaction with the minimal number of decisions made on outstanding planning applications.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

#### **104. DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS – NON-CALENDARED**

Nothing to report.

#### **105. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- 105.1 Artsreach Event in the Corn Exchange – The event was sold out and very well received by the audience. Pat Pryor thanked Nick the Caretaker for his help on the day and the Town Clerk and Operations Manager for their support prior to the event. She also thanked the Town Council for the grant for free venue hire in the next financial year. They already have a children's show and workshop booked at the start of the summer holidays.
- 105.2 Dinah's Hollow – The closure currently in operation along the C13, Dinah's Hollow will be extended for two months until 31<sup>st</sup> May 2019. This extension has been requested due to engineering difficulties and problematic digging conditions.
- 105.3 Road Closure – For the purpose of Blandford Georgian Fayre, Dorset Council has issued an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation [Special Events] Act 1994 to prohibit the use of part of White Cliff Mill Street, the eastern part of Bryanston Street, Salisbury Street, The Plocks, Church Lane, Market Place, West Street, East Street, Sheep Market Hill and the southern end of The Close.
- 105.4 Road Closure – 30m of Oakfield Street, outside the old Railway Hotel, will be closed from 15<sup>th</sup> April for four days to allow Wessex Water to install a new connection.
- 105.5 Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion – The works to the pavilion will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019 and the pavilion and gardens will be closed for 14 weeks. It is unfortunate that the public will therefore not be able to benefit from the gardens during this period however this is the best time to carry out the construction works. The Bookings Receptionist has written to all hirers during this period to offer them a refund or relocation to another one of our venues. We have also put forward other venues in the town. The bedding plants for the Gardens have been cancelled because there won't be any benefit to the public. Further to the council resolution regarding the expenditure, negotiations led to the contractor agreeing to redecorate the whole building instead of just the new extension. A pre-commencement meeting is due to take place on 30<sup>th</sup> April with the contractor and the architect.
- 105.6 Deputy Mace Bearer – The office has received one application for the role of Deputy Mace Bearer. The Chairman of Council, Chairman of Finance & Staffing, Mace Bearer and the Town Clerk will be interviewing him on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> April at 6.15pm, prior to the TC meeting that evening.
- 105.7 Treads – Treads & Victim Support hope to deliver a variety of workshops to the youth at Blandford School and those that attend Treads Advice and Information Centre. These workshops will include relevant topics such as anti-bullying, cybercrime and empowering girls to stand up to body shaming, period poverty etc. They hope to engage the youth in producing art work which will reflect some of the topics we will cover. They would like to be able to display these in Corn Exchange and feel that this will not only raise awareness to some of the issues our youth face today but will also bring pride and a sense of achievement to the youths involved. The Town Clerk asked Councillors to indicate if they had any concerns about this being displayed on the blue boards that cover the chairs and tables. Councillors responded positively and no objections were expressed.
- 105.8 New Councillor Courses – The Town Clerk has booked the new Councillor and new candidates on to DAPTC's New Councillor course in June. This will be cancelled in May should they not be successful in the elections.

**105. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)**

105.9 Church – The church was vandalised this afternoon, which was reported to the Operations Manager and Town Clerk who went to investigate and called the police and Reverend Triffitt. The most upsetting damage was to the large mosaic of Jesus Christ where they had thrown objects at it to remove the tiles. Two water fire extinguishers had been let off throughout the building on electrical equipment and various items were broken.

**106. TO CONSIDER THE LOAN OF ALFRED STEVENS ITEMS TO THE TOWN MUSEUM**

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

**The Town Council approves the loan of the Alfred Stevens items to the town museum.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**107. TO CONSIDER SUPPORT FOR THE HIGH STREET CLEANSING FUND**

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

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

**The Town Council supports the ideas put forward by David Rose from Clean Up Blandford, which include the purchase of additional litter pickers, bags for litter pickers, additional bins for events and purchasing a decent bin for the exit of Blandford School.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**108. TO CONSIDER A GRANT APPLICATION FROM CRANBORNE CHASE AREA AONB**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clark, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (9 in favour, 4 against) that

**A grant is not approved on this occasion.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The meeting closed at 8:52pm.

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