

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of the Town & General Purposes Committee**  
**Held on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2018 at 7.00pm**

**PRESENT**

Cllr L Hitchings – Chairman  
Cllr R Carter – Chairman of Council  
Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr D Robinson  
Cllr Jackie Stayt

Cllr H Mieville – Vice Chairman  
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman of Council  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr P Clark

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk  
Member of the public

**SITTING IN**

Cllr H White

Cllr S Hitchings

**29. PUBLIC SESSION**

29.1 Mr Bellman spoke regarding agenda item 8. Hospital staff and parents park in Milldown Road and parking is at a pinch point. A petition has been signed by over 100 people, which has been sent to the Highways department at Dorset County Council. An assessment was made, and double yellow lines have been suggested by DCC. There are too many cars along Milldown Road, Jubilee Way and Heddington Drive. He does have sympathy for the hospital staff, but the needs of the local community must come first. It is important to put double yellow lines at Milldown Road, whilst other options for parking in this area are explored.

**30. APOLOGIES**

Market Manager  
Town Team

Blandford Police Representative  
Blandford Business Group Representative

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

None had been submitted.

**32. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1<sup>ST</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (8 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

The Chairman decided to bring agenda item 8 forward, as a member of the public was in attendance to hear the outcome.

**33. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ALONG MILLDOWN ROAD, AS REQUESTED BY DCC**

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

**33. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ALONG MILLDOWN ROAD, AS REQUESTED BY DCC (CONT.)**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle but NOT AGREED (4 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention) with the Chairman having the deciding vote (against) that the Committee supports the request for double yellow lines along Milldown Road.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, but NOT SECONDED that the Committee only supports double yellow lines on the right-hand side of the road, coming from the hospital.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (5 in favour, 4 against) that

**The Committee supports the request for double yellow lines along Milldown Road, but requests that no loading and no drop off is included in the restrictions.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

**The Committee requests that the middle pinch point along Milldown Road is removed.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**34. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

34.1 CCTV – Following the installation of the new system there have been some issues with the speed of the data being received. It was thought that this was down to the trees in front of the police station. The trees at the police station have been cut back on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November to improve visibility between the town centre CCTV system and the receivers at the police station. The person monitoring the screens has confirmed that unfortunately it has not improved the incoming signals. The picture is very good, but the reaction is too slow.

34.2 Market – The Market Manager has received a letter on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2018, signed by all of the stallholders, complaining about the political campaigning taking place in the Market Place. They feel it is impacting on their business as people are avoiding them, which means that those same people avoid the market. This also impacts on the Shambles market when campaigners are at the entrance to the Shambles. One trader packed up and left at 11:45am, saying that he could not trade with them there and they are stating that they will either pack up and go home when the campaigners arrive, or just refuse to pay their rent. They have also asked that they are advised in advance when campaigners will be in attendance. The Town Clerk has responded, advising that the Town Council does not have any authority over the Highways and the groups are able to hand out leaflets as long as they are not causing an obstruction.

**35. GENERAL UPDATES FROM:**

**35.1 Blandford Police**

No representative was in attendance.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, but not SECONDED that the Town Council should invite the Police Crime Commissioner Mr Underhill to inform the Council of the funding problems and what affect it will have on policing.

35.1 Blandford Police (Cont.)

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED (7 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council will invite the new Neighbourhood Police Inspector for North Dorset Simon Perry to give an update on his strategy and remit and to begin building a productive relationship.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

35.2 Blandford Business Group

No representative was in attendance.

35.3 Town Team

No representative was in attendance.

35.4 Market Manager

Not in attendance as there has been no update.

**36. REVIEW OF TOWN & GENERAL PURPOSES BUDGETS TO 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2018**

36.1 Analytical Review of Revenue Budget

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

36.2 Review of Earmarked Reserves

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

36.3 Reserve Accounts

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

**37. TO CONSIDER THE LOCATION FOR THE SID SURVEYS (IN LIGHT OF NEW INFORMATION)**

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Quayle, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (7 in favour, 2 against) that

**The Committee agrees to Option F, two surveys at £400.00 in the two locations proposed at the October meeting (down Salisbury Road by Peel Close and down St Leonards Avenue at the junction of Queen's Road), in light of new information, using budget line 1021 DCC Highways (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The Chairman took the decision to have a comfort break at 8.33pm.

Cllr White left the meeting.

The meeting convened at 8.40pm.

**38. TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON THE TABERNACLE BENCH**

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

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

**38. TO CONSIDER AN UPDATE ON THE TABERNACLE BENCH (CONT.)**

The committee does not progress a bench round the Tabernacle tree but agrees to the installation of a WW1 bench as a second bench in the Tabernacle, along with the Phoenix bench previously approved, using funds of up to £2,500 + VAT and Delivery from budget line 1042 New Benches (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**39. CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 2019/2020 AND RECOMMENDATION TO TOWN COUNCIL**

The paper was noted (see Appendix G).

**39.1 Revenue Budget**

The paper was noted (see Appendix H).

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

**The Committee agrees to the proposed budget.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**39.2 Earmarked Reserves**

The paper was noted (see Appendix I).

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

**The Committee agrees to the proposed earmarked reserves, with changes to budget lines 1020 (reduce to £250) and 1021 (reduce to £3,750).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**39.3 Reserve Accounts**

The paper was noted (see Appendix J).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (8 in favour, 1 abstention) that

**The Committee agrees to the proposed reserve accounts, with changes to budget line 1175 (reduce to £0).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Carter thanked the Chairman for his due diligence in looking at the budget.

Officers asked the Committee if they would like them to look into Electric Vehicle Charging Points and this was well received. Officers have previously asked NDDC for their views on this and they have no plans to introduce them in their car parks, however they were not asked if the response would be different should the Town Council be paying. The Assistant Town Clerk informed the Committee that funding is available.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The meeting closed at 9:20pm.

**SIGNED: .....**

**DATED: .....**