

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 7th December 2020 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams



PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross
Cllr H White
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr C Jacques

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr J Stayt
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr H Mieville

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk
Alex Young

48. PUBLIC SESSION

48.1 Alex Young spoke regarding planning application 2/2020/1187/FUL. Since operating the premises there have not been any disruptions, or issues with the police. Mr Young and his wife support local charities and producers and feel they have established a place for a wide variety of residents, and for all ages.

49. APOLOGIES

None

50. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 5.10 and 5.11 as he is the applicant. He will leave the meeting during the discussion and voting.

Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle declared that taking part in the discussions and vote on planning application 5.1 at this meeting, has been done on the understanding that their decisions are based on the information available at this time. Both Councillors have already responded to the Dorset Council for this application.

51. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 2ND NOVEMBER 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED. These minutes will be signed at the next earliest opportunity.

52. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

52.1 2/2020/1187/FUL – 5th November 2020 – Mr Alex Young – Art Gallery, 28 East Street – Change of use from D1 to E & Sui Generis (Retrospective).

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

52.1 2/2020/1187/FUL – 5th November 2020 – Mr Alex Young – Art Gallery, 28 East Street – Change of use from D1 to E & Sui Generis (Retrospective). (cont.)

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is supported by the B+ NP policy B8. This business is a vital part of the economy of Blandford Forum, both in the daytime and evening.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

52.2 2/2020/1230/FUL – 10th November 2020 – Mrs Nicola Phillips – Land at E 388105 N 105215 Dorchester Hill, Blandford St Mary – Creation of hardstanding for allotment site (retrospective).

As the application is in the ward of Blandford St Mary Councillors noted the application.

52.3 P/HOU/2020/00057 – 12th November 2020 – Mr Tom Hatcher – 34 Hambleton Gardens – Erection of two storey extension and alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss of amenities to neighbouring properties.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

52.4 2/2020/1290/VARIA – 12th November 2020 – Mr P MacLauchlan – 1 Glenmore Business Park, Wend-AI Road, Blandford Forum – Variation of Planning application number 2/2020/0669/PLNG, date of decision: 10/11/2009, to vary condition numbers 3 and 5 to regularise the Class B8 use at Unit 1 Block A and to provide consistency with maximum Toolstation opening hours nationwide.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as it coincides with B+NP Policy B3, offering wider employment opportunities and regularising opening hours along with existing businesses, subject to legal changes being consistent with current legal positions.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

52.5 2/2020/1302/LBC – 13th November 2020 – Mr Neil Lewis – 3A Market Place – External alterations to shopfront.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application and agrees with the applicant summation in the Heritage and Design document and the evidence given. In addition, the Town Council believes that the alterations will enhance the shop front in the conservation area and will contribute to the vibrancy and vitality of the town, in line with B+NP policy B8.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

52.6 P/CLE/2020/00232 – 13th November 2020 – 14 Heddington Drive – Application for a Certificate of Lawfulness for the installation of solar panels.

The application was noted.

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

- 52.7 P/HOU/2020/00013 – 19th November 2020 – Mr & Mrs Joyce – 18 Hambledon Close – Erection of extensions to provide ground floor annexe and additional first floor living space.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 52.8 P/HOU/2020/00054 – 24th November 2020 – Mr Philip Clegg – 10 Nursery Road – Erection of single storey side extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, based on the grounds that the extension is a small one and the materials are in keeping with the surrounding area and would therefore not do any harm to the conservation area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 52.9 P/HOU/2020/00068 – 27th November 2020 – Mr & Mrs Overton – 11 Bayfran Way – Erection of first floor extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss to neighbouring amenities. The design is in keeping with the surrounding area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark left the meeting at 7:40pm.

The Vice-Chairman of the committee took the decision to take agenda item 5.10 and 5.11 together.

- 52.10 P/FUL/2020/00066 and P/HOU/2020/00066 – 27th November 2020 – Mr P Clark – 7 River Mews – Erection of wooden carport.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as the materials are in keeping with the conservation area at this point and the roof line will have no negative impact.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark returned to the meeting at 7:43pm.

- 52.11 P/HOU/2020/00096 – 30th November 2020 – Mr & Mrs L Bates – 12 Cadley Close – Erection of first floor extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as it is not encroaching and there is no loss to neighbouring amenities.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

52.12 P/HOU/2020/00071 – 1st December 2020 – Mr Eccott – 18 Stevens Close – Erect rear Conservatory

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss to neighbouring amenities.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman took the decision to take agenda item 5.14 and 5.15 together.

52.13 P/FUL/2020/00105 and P/LBC/2020/00106 – 1st December 2020 – Mr F Graeser – 40 East Street – Erect single storey rear extension to storeroom and carry out associated internal and external alterations

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. It is an enhancement to the existing building. Being a single storey building the roof line will not impact negatively to the surrounding conservation area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

53. APPENDIX B – DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Councillors thanked the Assistant Town Clerk for her work in contacting Dorset Council Planning Officers to obtain an update on the outstanding planning applications.

54. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 15th December and that Nordon, Salisbury Road is on the agenda. Cllr Carter will attend the meeting on behalf of the Town Council.

55. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

55.1 Bicycle Racks – The Dorset Council is currently looking at the possibility of trialling some cycle parking at the bottom of Sheep Market Hill in the last two parking bays behind the seat. The cycle parking is in the form of a stainless-steel rack of four-cycle parking stands (a bit like a toast rack) which will be bolted into place. Evidence over the years suggests this is quite a popular place to park cycles, presumably whilst people visit the barbers or cafes, and it is difficult to find suitable cycle parking locations in East Street. If the trial is successful, then the Dorset Council would swap the “toastrack” for some permanent Sheffield cycle parking stands. If the trial is not successful, then the rack can be taken away and the normal parking bays can be returned to how they were before. The Dorset Council officer, who contacted the Town Clerk, had proposed to put the cycle parking in this location before, but this was previously turned down. However, in the spirit of trying to help people cycle more and drive through town less it was felt that losing two parking spaces and gaining eight cycle parking spaces was a reasonable trade off. The Town Clerk requested that, if these are to be made permanent, they are black to match the existing street furniture and confirmed to DC that the

55. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)

Town Council will maintain the painting of them which is what we do to the racks outside the council office.

- 55.2 Road Closures – Public Notice has been given of three temporary road closures. Salisbury Street, between Whitecliff Mill Street and The Plocks as well as The Plocks to a point 30 metres to the west and The Close between Marsh's Court to Damory Street. The road closures will be rotated and not all three locations will be closed at the same time. This Notice will enable BT safe access to carriageway boxes to install fibre cables. It will come into operation overnight between 21:00 and 06:00 on 9th December 2020 and remain in force for five days, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 10th December 2020.

The meeting closed at 8:07pm.

SIGNED: DATED: