

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams**

**DRAFT**  
Subject to confirmation

**PRESENT**

Cllr P Clark – Chairman  
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council  
Cllr H White  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr H Mieville  
Cllr C Jacques – arrived at 7.12pm

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman  
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council  
Cllr C Stevens  
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke  
Cllr R Holmes  
Cllr A Cross – arrived at 7.01pm  
Cllr J Stayt – arrived at 7.23pm

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk  
Members of the public

**56. PUBLIC SESSION**

No members of the public requested to speak.

**57. APOLOGIES**

Cllr P Osborne

**58. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

Cllr Stevens declared an interest in agenda item 5.9 as the applicant is a neighbour. He will not vote on this application.

**59. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2020**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED. These minutes will be signed at the next earliest opportunity.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

**60.1 P/HOU/2020/00075 – 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020 – Mr Soward – 38 St Leonards Avenue – Erect single storey side extension and infill porch**

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no negative impact on neighbouring amenities.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

- 60.2 P/FUL/2020/00140 – 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 – Watchtower of Britain – Unit 5a Blandford Heights Industrial Estate Shaftesbury Lane – Erect single storey building for a place of worship, together with associated car parking and landscaped areas

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 against) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, with the caveat that the Dorset Council consider whether or not this is employment land to be retained within their Local Plan.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 60.3 P/FUL/2020/00109 – 4<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Sunrise Services & MOT Centre – Unit 15a to 15b Sunrise Business Park – Erection of extension to existing industrial unit

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) that

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

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 60.4 P/HOU/2020/00176 – 9<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Mr & Mrs S Foden – 47 Westbury Way – Erect two storey rear extension (demolish existing conservatory)

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is not overbearing and there is no loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 60.5 P/FUL/2020/00160 – 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Mr D Paul – Primrose Villa Alexandra Street – Convert adjoining garage with habitable accommodation above to a two-storey self contained dwelling

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as it will improve the visual aspect of the neighbourhood within this part of the conservation area (B+NP policy B11). The proposal is in keeping with the main building and there is no loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 60.6 P/HOU/2020/00193 – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Benham – 34 Philip Road – Demolish existing garage, rebuild further forward and erect annexe in garden

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, but NOT SECONDED that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 against) that

60.6 P/HOU/2020/00193 – 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Benham – 34 Philip Road – Demolish existing garage, rebuild further forward and erect annexe in garden (cont.)

**The Town Council objects to the application as it is an overdevelopment of the site and not in keeping with the street scene. It also objects on the grounds of lack of light and loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

60.7 P/HOU/2020/00252 – 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2020 – Mr & Mrs N Bond – Holme Lea 64 Salisbury Road – Erect two storey rear extension (demolish existing conservatory)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 against) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss of amenity and no negative impact on the conservation area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

60.8 P/FUL/2020/00097 – 29<sup>th</sup> December 2020 – Lawsh One Ltd – Larksmead House 101 Salisbury Road – Demolish dwelling and garages and erect 9 No. dwelling with 20 No. parking spaces. Modify existing vehicular access

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt but NOT AGREED (2 in favour, 10 against, 2 abstentions) that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions) that

**The Town Council objects to the application. Whilst the Town Council is, in principle, not against redevelopment of this plot, it does object to the cramped form of development, with proposed buildings that are not in keeping with those in the surrounding area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

60.9 P/HOU/2020/00268 – 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Mr M Genge – 10 Andrew Close – Erect single storey side extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no impact on the neighbouring amenity.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The Chairman decided to take agenda item no. 5.10 and 5.11. together.

Cllr Stayt left the meeting at 8.38pm.

60.10 P/LBC/2020/00319 and P/FUL/2020/00318 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Clemdel Ltd – Luton Mews Shorts Lane – Infill of opening in existing wall and carry out all external alterations

60.10 P/LBC/2020/00319 and P/FUL/2020/00318 – 7<sup>th</sup> January 2021 – Clemdel Ltd – Luton Mews Shorts Lane – Infill of opening in existing wall and carry out all external alterations (cont.)

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

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

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

**62. TO RESPOND TO THE DORSET COUNCIL CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED BLANDFORD WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE**

The paper was displayed (see Appendix C).

Cllr Lacey-Clarke proposed that a small group of Councillors complete the questionnaire after the meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Clark, Carter, Holmes and Mieville complete the questionnaire.

Post Meeting Note: The response submitted was in favour of the proposed Waste Management Centre.

**63. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS**

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January has been withdrawn. The next meeting on the calendar is 16<sup>th</sup> February.

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

64.1 Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan – The Dorset Council has had to employ a special counsel to look carefully at the legal challenge. This has taken much longer than anticipated due to the counsel being unfamiliar with the situation, the Neighbourhood Plan documentation being abundant and complex and the Covid-19 crisis. We have been assured that our NP would not be determined by Wyatt's planning application or the determination of the Dorset Local Plan. In the latter, DC has identified the land North East of Blandford Forum as development land with the addition of the Waites piece of land between the proposed Wyatt development and Black Lane. A meeting was held on 6<sup>th</sup> January, but a further meeting needs to be held and therefore we are still waiting for the Decision Statement from DC.

64.2 Permitted Development Rights Consultation – The proposed response from the Working Group has been shared with all Councillors. The response will be sent to MHCLG on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January.

64.3 Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation – The consultation went live on 18<sup>th</sup> January until 15<sup>th</sup> March. It will be an agenda item on the next Planning meeting on 1<sup>st</sup> February.

The meeting closed at 8:56pm.

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