

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 1st March 2021 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams



PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman	Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council	Cllr H White
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council, arrived at 7.07pm	
Cllr C Stevens	Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke	Cllr B Quayle
Cllr R Holmes	Cllr A Cross
Cllr P Osborne	Cllr H Mieville
Cllr C Jacques, arrived at 7.02pm	Cllr J Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk	Assistant Town Clerk
Operations Manager	Nicci Brown – Press
Ian Ricketts - Member of the Public	Stephen Offer - Member of the Public
Virginia Barnard - Member of the Public	

77. PUBLIC SESSION

77.1 Cllr Carter thanked the ground staff for all their hard work.

78. APOLOGIES

None

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

None

80. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1ST FEBRUARY 2021

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

81. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

81.1 P/VOC/2020/00430 – 28th January 2021 – Lolligo Ltd – Land South of 4 Greyhound Square Market Place – Develop the land by the erection of 1 No. building comprising Tourist Information Centre and 3 No. commercial units (use classes A1, A2 or A3). (Outline application to determine access and scale). (Variation of condition No. 6 from planning permission 2/2017/1934/OUT to permit a lower finished floor level).

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

The Town Council reaffirms that it has no objections to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

83. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next Northern Area Planning meeting is scheduled for 23rd March 2021. The agenda is not yet available.

84. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

- 84.1 Road Closure - To enable the Dorset Council to carry out maintenance work, they plan to close the B3082, Wimborne Road, Blandford Forum between 26th April 2021 and 29th April 2021. The road will be closed at night between the hours of 20.00 and 06.00 but it will be open daily and at weekends. The Dorset Council is restarting a programme of carefully selected surfacing works. The revised list of surfacing sites is made up of roads that are in a deteriorating condition.

85. TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE INVESTMENT OF MATURING MONEY

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

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

The Town Council authorises the transfer of the following matured funds into CCLA Property Fund Account:

Lloyds Time Deposit S106 (Matured 22nd February 2021) - £103,942.13

Lloyds Time Deposit (Matured 26th February 2021) - £120,000.00

Lloyds Time Deposit (Matured 26th February 2021) - £50,000.00

The additional interest earned on these Lloyds Time Deposits will also be invested into the CCLA Property Fund Account, although the exact amount of interest is not yet known.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Post Meeting Note: The Chairman of the Finance & Staffing Committee confirmed after the meeting that the additional interest earned is £1100.36, £1263.45 and £525.00 respectively. The total amount of money to go to the CCLA Property Fund Account is £276,830.94.

86. TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ALLOTMENT LAYOUT FOR LAND NORTH OF THE BYPASS

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

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

The Town Council agrees to:

86. **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSED ALLOTMENT LAYOUT FOR LAND NORTH OF THE BYPASS (CONT.)**

- Separate the first section of parking alongside the allotment building with fencing and a lockable gate, keeping it apart from the shared parking area, including an area – as per the existing – for the tractor, deliveries and council compound.
- Make available the community pitch area for a variety of casual uses.
- Request for the Dorset Council to take on the responsibility for the access road alongside the school that leads to the allotments.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

87. **TO CONSIDER FORMING A WORKING GROUP TO RESPOND TO THE DORSET & WILTSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE AUTHORITY – CONSULTATION OF DRAFT COMMUNITY SAFETY PLAN 2021-24**

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

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

The Town Council wishes to form a Working Group with delegated authority, consisting of Cllrs Osborne, Mieville, S Hitchings and Holmes to respond to the consultation by 13th May 2021.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

88. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE PLANNED REFORMS TO THE NATIONAL PLANNING POLICY FRAMEWORK (NPPF)**

The paper was noted (see Appendix G).

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

The Town Council wishes to provide comments on the proposed reforms to SLCC by 12th March 2021 by forming a Working Group with delegated authority consisting of Cllrs Carter, Holmes, Mieville, Osborne and Stayt.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

89. **TO RECEIVE AND CONSIDER THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE WORKING GROUP REGARDING THE DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION**

Cllr Carter informed councillors that the Working Group is still working on finalising the response. The proposed response will be circulated to all councillors before being submitted to the Dorset Council.

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

The Town Council gives the Working Group delegated authority to submit the response to the Dorset Council.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8:02pm.

SIGNED: DATED: