



# BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To: All Town Councillors  
Members of the Public & Press

Dorset Council Councillors

Dear Member

## **TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING**

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council Planning meeting which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum on **Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021 at 7.00 pm** to consider the following items. This meeting will also be available to view online using Microsoft Teams [using this link](#).

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Linda Scott-Giles'.

Linda Scott-Giles  
Town Clerk  
20<sup>th</sup> July 2021

## **A G E N D A**

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Committee, during which time members of the public may speak. During the course of the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the Dorset Council may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Committee may on occasion invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where points of information or their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Committee.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

1. Public Session
  - 1.1 Janet Tyson – Greener Blandford Day 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021
2. Apologies
3. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
4. Minutes of the Meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> June 2021 ([accessible here](#))
5. [Appendix A – New Planning Applications](#)
6. Appendix B – Dorset Council Decisions on Planning Applications and Applications Awaiting Decisions (to be displayed at the meeting)
7. Site Visits/Dorset Council Planning Meetings

8. [Clerk's Report & Correspondence](#)
9. [To consider expenditure approval for replacement play equipment at Larksmead](#)
10. Confidential

The public and press may be excluded from the meeting on the grounds that publicity might be prejudicial to the public interest as per the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

- 10.1 To consider nominations to present a certificate of appreciation to members of the community (sent to Councillors separately)

## **DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS**

7 <sup>th</sup> September	Planning Meeting
14 <sup>th</sup> September	Finance & Staffing Committee Meeting
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Recreation & Amenities Committee Meeting
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Town Council Meeting

**Minutes of the Town Council and Committee meetings are available from Blandford Library, the Town Clerk's Office and at [www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk](http://www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk).**

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**PLANNING APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
**Planning Meeting on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021**

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments/ Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033
1	P/HOU/2021/01178 Mr P Bailey 25 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	<a href="#"><u>13 Hilcot Way</u></a> Erection of UPVC conservatory	
2	P/FUL/2021/01145 Trustees of JRF Crouch Will Trust 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<a href="#"><u>13 – 15 Market Place</u></a> Change of use of part of consented dwelling to commercial unit. Amend consented residential unit in the left hand flat above bakery & other associated works	B8 – Town Centre Boundary and Primary Shopping Area
3	P/LBC/2021/01146 Trustees of JRF Crouch Will Trust 6 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<a href="#"><u>13 – 15 Market Place</u></a> Alterations to change part of consented dwelling to commercial unit. Amend consented residential unit in the left hand flat above bakery & other associated works	B8 – Town Centre Boundary and Primary Shopping Area
4	P/FUL/2021/01337 Dorset HealthCare University NHS Foundation Trust 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<a href="#"><u>Blandford Hospital Milldown Road</u></a> Replacement of windows	B11 – Managing Design in the Conservation Area
5	P/OUT/2021/01467 CR Acquisitions Ltd 8 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	<a href="#"><u>Wilchurch Wimborne Road</u></a> Demolish existing garage, sever plot & develop land by the erection of 5 No. dwellings. (Outline application to determine access, appearance, layout and scale).	
6	P/FUL/2021/01077 Corporate Real Estate 19 <sup>th</sup> July	<a href="#"><u>17 Market Place</u></a> Installation of 1no. CCTV camera	B8 – Town Centre Boundary and Primary Shopping Area

**Previous applications:**

		<b>Town Council</b>	<b>Dorset Council</b>
2/2019/1103/FUL and 2/2019/1104/LBC Trustees of JRF Crouch Will Trust October 2019	<a href="#">13-15 Market Place</a> Change of use of former bakery store room to provide an additional accommodation to be used in association with existing residential unit.	<b>No objections to the application subject to Conservation Officer approval.</b>	<b>Approved</b>
2/2019/0851/FUL Dorset Healthcare University June 2019	<a href="#">Blandford Hospital Milldown Road</a> Install replacement windows.	<b>No objections to the application, subject to the Conservation Officer approval.</b>	<b>Approved</b>
2/2016/1890/ADV HSBC Bank Plc January 2017	<a href="#">17 Market Place</a> Erect 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign and 1 No. non-illuminated hanging sign.	<b>No objection</b>	<b>Approved</b>

## **Clerk's Report & Correspondence**

Tin Pot Lane Cycleway - The first phase of improvement works on Milldown Road, Blandford to provide a safe and convenient walking & cycling route linking Milldown CE Academy and residences off Shaftesbury Road is starting on 26<sup>th</sup> July. It will take four to six weeks and the work will be carried out Monday to Friday 7.30am to 4.30pm.

Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Area - On 15<sup>th</sup> July 2021, the Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Area was formally designated. The Wimborne St Giles Neighbourhood Area was proposed by Knowlton Parish Council and includes small areas of two other neighbouring parishes (Cranborne and Edmondsham Parish Council and Vale of Allen Parish Council). At the Planning Committee meeting in April Councillors noted the request and had no objections.

**To consider expenditure approval for replacement play equipment and amendments to the table tennis provision at Larksmead Recreation Ground**

**Background**

Councillors were made aware some months ago that the multi-play unit at Larksmead would need replacing and it was resolved that this would be done at the same time as the new play areas at Badbury Heights when the land was transferred.

However, due to the length of time that has passed, with still no sign of the land being transferred, the multi-play unit has now deteriorated to the point it either needs replacing or closing.

The play area was refurbished in 2008 and was given a life expectancy of approximately 15 years.

**Report**

Once the further deterioration had been reported, a site meeting was arranged with a reliable local contractor, who repairs and maintains many areas of the Town Council's play areas, to seek advice and quotes for either repairs or replacement.

It was clear whilst inspecting the multi-play equipment that parts of it were beyond repair and it would require replacement, hence quotes for new equipment were sought from the contractor. Normally, different companies would be approached but time is against that scenario, and it would be preferable to get the equipment replaced as soon as possible.

In the meantime, a local carpenter has been asked to repair a small area to enable us to keep the equipment open for the time it takes to be replaced, which is likely to be 4-6 weeks from date of order.

**Financial Implications**

The costs for this work would be taken from the Larksmead Play Equipment Standard Asset Replacement Accruals, which has a balance of £26,914.33, and excludes the swing frame and springer.

The Chairman of Council has asked if this could be covered by the Nordon development s106 monies, which is also being explored.

The four proposals have been presented overleaf. For information only, in the office, the preference is for Options A or D because there are more play options available to children.

**Recommendation**

It is recommended that Councillors select the equipment and approve the associated expenditure to replace the multi-play unit at Larksmead (Expenditure Authority: Localism Act 2011 s1-8).

### **Option A**

The quote for the most like for like equipment, which will fit on the current footprint, is £11,310.30 + VAT and includes:

- Removal and disposal of the existing unit
- Supply and install 1no double slide multi play unit suitable for ages 1-8 with a safety zone of 34.9m<sup>2</sup>
- Make good surfacing with colour EPDM including splash graphics at the bottom of the slides



### **Option B**

An alternative is pictured below, which fits the existing colour scheme of primary colours, but does not provide as many activity options and is for a smaller age group. The cost would be £10,135.50 + VAT and includes:

- Remove and dispose of damaged Lappset unit
- Supply and install steel multi play unit suitable for ages 2-5 with a safety zone of 33m<sup>2</sup>
- Make good surfacing with colour EPDM including splash graphics at the bottom of the slides



Officers then requested additional options and were presented with the following which would require a larger surface area:

### **Option C**

The cost would be £9,732.90 + VAT and includes:

- Remove and dispose of damaged Lappset unit
- Supply and install 1no single slide wooden multi play unit suitable for ages 3-14 with a safety zone of 43.4m<sup>2</sup>
- Extend current surfacing by 10m<sup>2</sup>, complete over skim with Rhyno Mulch rolled into the ground at the edges. Colour EPDM wear pads at bottom of the slide and steps



### **Option D**

The cost would be £11,713.60 + VAT and includes:

- Remove and dispose of damaged Lappset unit
- Supply and install 1no double slide steel multi play unit suitable for ages 3-14 with a safety zone of 44.6m<sup>2</sup>
- Extend current surfacing by 10m<sup>2</sup>, complete over skim with Rhyno Mulch rolled into the ground at the edges. Colour EPDM wear pads at bottom of the slide and steps



## **Table Tennis Location**

Whilst on site we spoke to the contractor about the problems we had been having with getting the approved table tennis table installed, including getting the base laid by a local contractor to meet the specifications of the supplier and getting access to install it.

We were informed that they also supply these tables and they provide the base, which would make the whole process smoother and reduce the risk of errors with one contractor instead of two.

They also suggested that a more suitable location would be at the end of the outdoor fitness equipment at the Preetz Way end of the recreation ground at Larksmead, where there is more space and the ground is level in that area. This large space (pictured) would also reduce the balls falling into the fenced area which would be inevitable in the original location.



## **Financial Implications**

The quote is £4,465.00 + VAT for the following:

- Supply and install concrete table tennis table complete with concrete foundation pads under the two legs at a depth of 250mm
- Supply and install a type one stone subbase and approx. 14mtrs<sup>2</sup> Rhyno Mulch<sup>TM</sup> or Coni Pave



The original proposal put to the Dorset Council for funding totalled £4,750 and they had approved to fund a maximum of 20% of the total project costs; £950, based on the projection of spending £4,750. It is therefore anticipated that the fund will cover £893 of the total cost leaving the council to pay the balance of £3,572 + VAT.

## **Recommendation**

Previous amounts have been authorised totalling £2,689.60 plus the grant funding. However, it is recommended that Councillors approve expenditure of £4,465.00 + VAT from General Reserves along with the new location for the table tennis table, with 20% of the cost being claimed back from the grant funding (Expenditure Authority: Localism Act 2011 s1-8).

Jon Goodenough  
Operations Manager  
16<sup>th</sup> July 2021