

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 7th March 2022 at 7:03pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr R Carter – Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Chairman of Council
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr A Cross
Cllr P Clark
Cllr H White
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

Cllr R Holmes – Vice Chairman
Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr P Osborne – arrived at 7.06pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk

104. PUBLIC SESSION

104.1 Nicci Brown spoke about the parking permits and that DAG used to have a parking permit for their volunteers. She enquired if one permit can be registered to more than one vehicle. Cllr Lacey-Clarke confirmed that the permits are vehicle specific and there might be the possibility of a household one, but these would not be for businesses.

104.2 Cllr L Hitchings invited all Councillors to his Bingo night this Saturday 12th March 2022 in the Corn Exchange.

104.3 Cllr Carter spoke about the recent Ofsted report for The Blandford School. He requested for Councillors and residents to read the report thoroughly, as the teaching and learning are marked as good throughout the school.

105. APOLOGIES

Cllr K Herbert

Cllr E Bray

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

Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 5.4. Taking part in the discussion and voting has been done on the understanding that their decision is based on the information available at this time and that they reserve the right to change those decisions when the application is discussed at Dorset Council.

107. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2022

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

108. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

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

108.1 P/LBC/2021/04110– 4th February 2022 – Bjorn Construction Ltd - Sapling Cottage East Street – Repair of existing brick, flint and stone boundary wall

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is an improvement. The application is fully supported by the NPPF, the B+NP policy B11 and the NDDC Local Plan 2016 policy 24 Design.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

108.2 P/HOU/2022/00739– 8th February 2022 – Mr B Palmer – Cranleigh Cottage St Leonards Avenue – Erect ground floor extension, (demolish existing porch). Erect new sun room, (demolish existing sun room).

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no impact on neighbouring amenities and the application is in keeping with B+NP policy B11.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

108.3 P/HOU/2021/05760– 15th February 2022 – Mr P Grenville-Hunt – 63 Salisbury Road - Removal of existing single garage. Erect double car port

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it enhances the area, there is no impact on neighbouring amenities and the application is in compliance with B+NP policy B11 and NDDC Local Plan 2016 policy 24 Design.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

108.4 P/DCC/2021/01597– 17th February 2022 – Dorset Council – Land south-east of Sunrise Business Park and north of the A350 Blandford Bypass – Development of a waste management centre for the bulking and transfer of waste and recyclables, comprising a covered waste transfer station, with waste storage, sprinkler tank and pump house, and a split-level household recycling centre with vehicle unloading bays and a partially covered central yard, a dedicated ‘re-use centre’, WEEE storage building, office building, staff parking area, weighbridge and associated landscaping. Formation of new access from A350.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council reiterates its support for the location of the Waste Transfer site and is satisfied that all precautionary measures planned to be enacted will ensure that the safety of ground water supplies from the underlying aquifer remain safe for public use.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

108.5 P/LBC/2022/00960– 28th February 2022 – Mr J Dickson – 24 Orchard Street – Planning and Listed Building Applications for the replacement of a window with a door, replacement of a door with a window and internal alterations

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is an improvement to the area and the dwelling itself.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Cllr Quayle confirmed that so far, no discussions have been held between Dorset Council and the developer for the planned TIC site. He is hoping that further plans will be brought to the Town Council once discussions have been held.

110. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next Northern Area Planning Meeting is being held on 15th March 2022. There are no items pertaining to Blandford Forum on the agenda.

111. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

111.1 Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic NP – The Yetminster and Ryme Intrinsic Neighbourhood Plan referendum was held on Tuesday 22nd February 2022. Democratic Services have confirmed that the referendum was positive. Now that the referendum result has been announced the plan has full weight in decision making prior to the formal making process. The plan is due to be considered by Cabinet on the 5th April 2022.

111.2 Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan – The Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan was considered on 1st March 2022 at Dorset Council Cabinet where a decision was reached to make the Charmouth Neighbourhood Plan part of the statutory development plan for the Charmouth Neighbourhood Area.

112. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE COMMUNITY GOVERNANCE REVIEW SET OUT BY THE DORSET COUNCIL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (10 in favour, 4 abstentions) that

The Town Council forms a Working Group to look at the proposals, consisting of Cllrs Carter, White, Stevens, Holmes and Mieville. The response will include a request that both Parish and Dorset Council boundary changes are looked at together. The proposal will be brought back to the next Planning meeting on 4th April 2022.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

A Doodle Poll will be sent to Councillors to arrange a meeting.

Cllr Lindsay left the meeting at 8.11pm

113. TO CONSIDER COMMENTING ON THE NEW DORSET COUNCIL PARKING ORDER PROPOSALS, FOR OR AGAINST, TOGETHER WITH THE REASONS FOR WHICH THEY ARE MADE (DEADLINE 18TH MARCH 2022, DETAILS WERE SENT TO COUNCILLORS ON 24TH FEBRUARY 2022)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council does not agree with the new parking proposals and delegates authority to Cllr Carter to write a letter on behalf of the Council. The letter will be shown to all Councillors before submission.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

SIGNED: DATED: