

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2022 at 7:01pm in the Corn Exchange**



**PRESENT**

Cllr R Carter – Chairman  
Cllr C Stevens – Chairman of Council  
Cllr L Hitchings  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr R Holmes  
Cllr B Quayle

Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chairman  
Cllr H Mieville – Vice Chairman of Council  
Cllr L Lindsay  
Cllr H White  
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk  
Jonathan Turvey – Western Design Architects

**1. PUBLIC SESSION**

- 1.1 Jonathan Turvey spoke regarding planning application 5.6 Land North West of Tin Pot Lane. He gave a brief outline of the previous planning applications on the site. He then provided Councillors with details of this application. The application now includes a few allotments on the lower site. They will also include eight parking spaces for dog walker. A management company will be set up for the maintenance of the site. A minimum of 61 new trees will be planted, and the height of the buildings has been reduced.

**2. APOLOGIES**

Cllr P Clark  
Cllr C Jacques  
Cllr A Cross

Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr E Bray

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

Cllr Herbert declared an interest in agenda item 5.3 as she is related to the applicant, and she will leave the room during discussion and voting.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

The Chairman decided to bring agenda item 5.6 forward. A discussion was held about the application and Jonathan Turvey was present to answer questions.

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

- 5.1 P/OUT/2022/01868 – 28<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Elbee Capital Services Ltd – Land North West Of Tin Pot Lane – Erect 6 no. dwellings. Form 8 parking spaces and biodiverse ecological habitat with allotments. Carry out highway improvements (outline application to determine access, layout and scale only).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (9 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application but asks Dorset Council to consider the prevention of permitted development rights to 'prevent future extensions impacting negatively on the AONB of the dark sky status. It also requests that approval of the application is conditioned by the Highways and Dorset Natural Environment teams' approval.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 5.2 P/LBC/2022/02055 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Oakland Investments (London) Ltd – 19-21 West Street – Structural repair works to building

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as it provides protection to the building, subject to conservation officer approval.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 5.3 P/HOU/2022/02042 – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022 – Mr & Mrs P Hodgkins – 9 Percy Gardens – Replacement roof and glazing to existing porch

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 it will enhance the area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Herbert left the meeting at 7.37pm.

- 5.4 P/FUL/2022/01924 – 7<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Lolligo Ltd – Land South West Of Field View Road – Erect 2 No. dwellings with associated parking and landscaping

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council objects to the application as it is felt that two dwellings in this area is an overdevelopment. The Town Council would like to refer to its objection to application 2/2017/0590/FUL.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Herbert returned to the meeting at 7.44pm.

- 5.5 P/HOU/2022/02258 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Mr Bill Moore – Wilchurch Wimborne Road – Erect Double Garage

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention) that

- 5.5 P/HOU/2022/02258 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Mr Bill Moore – Wilchurch Wimborne Road – Erect Double Garage (cont.)

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to no other entrances to the garage being added in the future.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 5.6 P/FUL/2022/01311 – 8<sup>th</sup> April 2022 – Mr R Jessup – 25B Rivers House Sunrise Business Park – Replace existing UPVC doors & windows. Installation of photovoltaic arrays to roof. Creation of hardstanding areas for new substation enclosure & air source heat pump enclosure

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application and welcomes the application, as well as the carbon production methods being used.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 5.7 P/HOU/2022/02726 – 4<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr & Mrs Winter – 13 Victoria Road – Erect single storey rear extension. Install new dormer and extend existing dormer

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Herbert and AGREED (7 in favour, 4 against) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, with the proviso that the potential overlooking from the southeast rooflight is looked at, and any affect on neighbouring properties is mitigated.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Lindsay left the meeting at 7.57pm.

- 5.8 P/FUL/2022/02841– 5<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Unit 50 Sunrise Business Park – Erect an Industrial / Commercial unit

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application and welcomes the business opportunities that this brings to the town. The Town Council requests sufficient parking to be provided.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 5.9 P/LBC/2022/02729 – 9<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr Sheldon Young – 38-40 Whitecliffe House White Cliff Mill Street – Repair and replacement of windows and doors throughout the building

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application and fully supports the maintenance and repair to the building, with the proviso that these comply with listed buildings regulations.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Lindsay returned to the meeting at 8.07pm.

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

- 5.10 **P/NMA/2022/02906 – 10<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Drew Smith – Site Of Nordon (former NDDC offices) Salisbury Road – Amendment to 2/2020/0726/REM for the addition of 'no dig' pathway for access to the LAP**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (6 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next Northern Area Planning Meeting is being held on 14<sup>th</sup> June 2022. The agenda is not available yet.

8. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE TECHNICAL CONSULTATION ON STREET NAMING**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (7 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council forms a working group, consisting of Cllrs Carter, Holmes and Mieville. The working group has delegated authority to respond to the consultation directly.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

9. **TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR THE PARK ROAD RECREATION GROUND CAR PARK WORKS DUE TO THE DELAY WITH THE PROJECT**

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

**The Town Council approves the extra expenditure of £3,489.00 using funds from General Reserves (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

10. **TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE FOR THE QUEEN'S PLATINUM JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council agree to a further £3,000 expenditure for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations, budget line 1043 (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

11. **TO APPOINT A REPRESENTATIVE TO BLANDFORD FOOD BANK**

Both Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and S Hitchings put themselves forward as the representative to the Blandford Food Bank. Cllr Lacey-Clarke was SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and received 5 votes. Cllr S Hitchings was SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and received 6 votes and **Cllr S Hitchings is therefore appointed as the representative to the Blandford Food Bank.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

- 12.1 Yetminster & Ryme Intrinseca Neighbourhood Plan – The Plan was considered on 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at Cabinet with a decision reached to make the Yetminster & Ryme Intrinseca Neighbourhood Plan part of the statutory development plan for the Yetminster & Ryme Intrinseca Neighbourhood Area.
- 12.2 B+ Neighbourhood Plan – The Steering Group is setting up six task groups for the review of the Plan and is inviting Councillors to join one of the following groups - Housing, Infrastructure, Design, Environment, Town Centre, Communications. There will be four to five meetings in June and July. Councillors are asked to let the B+ Chairman or Assistant Town Clerk know which group they can join.
- 12.3 X3 Shaftesbury to Blandford – South West Coaches (SWC) is cancelling their Saturday journeys on service X3 – Shaftesbury to Blandford. The service is subsidised by Dorset Council from Mondays to Fridays and when it was tendered, bus companies were encouraged to operate on Saturdays as a commercial opportunity. However, this was not a requirement of the contract. SWC registered the Saturday journeys but sadly, they say that a commercial service is not viable, and they cannot continue to run it. The last Saturday that the service will run will be Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Unfortunately, Dorset Travel does not have a budget to replace the Saturday journeys at this time, but we will reassess the situation should extra funding become available.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke updated Councillors of a road closure in White Cliff Mill Hill. It will come into operation on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2022 between 09:30 and 14:30 and remain in force for five days, but it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

The meeting closed at 8:34pm.

SIGNED: ..... DATED: .....