

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange**



**PRESENT**

Cllr R Carter – Chairman	Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chairman
Cllr C Stevens – Chairman of Council	Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr L Lindsay	Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr H White	Cllr R Holmes
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke	Cllr B Quayle
Cllr A Cross	Cllr P Clark
Cllr P Osborne	

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Operations Manager Nicci Brown	Assistant Town Clerk
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**13. PUBLIC SESSION**

Cllr Stevens thanked Cllrs Carter and Cross for a successful exhibition to mark the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in the Corn Exchange. He also thanked Cllr S Hitchings, Bob Brannigan and the Assistant Town Clerk for their help with the organisations of all the Jubilee events, as well as Hugo Mieville and his wife for the litter picking throughout the events.

Cllr Cross thanked Cllrs Herbert and Bray for their help at the exhibition and Cllr Carter echoed this and also thanked Cllr Stevens, Cllr Cross for his Railway Club contribution as well as Sheila and Gerry Chapman for their help. He also thanked the Town Clerk and Operations Manager and staff for all their help.

**14. APOLOGIES**

Cllr H Mieville – Vice Chairman of Council	Cllr E Bray
Cllr C Jacques	

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

Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 9. They will take part in the discussions but not vote.

Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 5.7 as he knows the applicant and will not vote.

**16. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (10 in favour, 3 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED, with a change made to page 3, minute no 5.6 where production is changed to reduction.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

**17.1 P/HOU/2022/02645 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr Samways – 46 Medbourne Close – Erect extensions. Erect carport and alterations**

- 17.1 P/HOU/2022/02645 – 12<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr Samways – 46 Medbourne Close – Erect extensions. Erect carport and alterations (cont.)

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

**The Town Council objects to the application as it is an overdevelopment to the site and the change is not in keeping with the surrounding houses. It doesn't meet the requirements of the Local Plan 2016, Policy 24 Design and it breaks the building line of the existing houses.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The Chairman decided to take agenda item 5.2 and 5.3 together.

- 17.2 P/LBC/2022/03019 and P/FUL/2022/03024 – 17<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Colton Developments – 38-40 Whitecliffe House White Cliff Mill Street - Demolish existing external canopy and carry out internal/external alterations associated with the erection of a double glazed single storey entrance lobby (demolish existing external canopy)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 against) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, on the grounds of very little impact on the surrounding area, neighbours and heritage asset, subject to Conservation Officer approval as it would be a modern addition.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 17.3 P/HOU/2022/03075 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr & Mrs MacRae – Locarno Milldown Road – Erect rear extensions, remove roof & raise ridge height. Insert dormers. Erect double garage (demolish existing garage)

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the works to the dwelling, but objects to the siting of the garage, which Highways have also raised concerns, as it is not in keeping with the area and Dorset Council Local Plan Policy 24 Design and is contrary to NP Policy 11 Design in the Conservation Area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 17.4 P/FUL/2022/03074 – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr Garry Miles – 3 Stevens Close – Erect a dwelling and create new pedestrian and vehicular access

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

**The Town Council objects to the application as it is an overdevelopment of the site leading to a cramped form of development, is not in keeping to Dorset Council Local Plan Policy 24 Design and is out of keeping with the housing density of the area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

- 17.5 P/VOC/2022/03249 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mrs Laura Aitken – 11 West Street – Change of use of nightclub with HMO rooms over to 7 No. dwellings and alterations to fenestration. (Variation of Condition No. 3 of Planning Permission 2/2019/1384/FUL to replace existing windows and doors with like for like upvc windows).

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no significant harm to the conservation area and it will improve thermal insulation.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 17.6 P/HOU/2022/03076 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr P Peplow – 2 Queens Road – Demolition of brick wall to allow 2no. off road parking spaces

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (8 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstention) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application due to an increase in pedestrian safety and there not being any significant harm to the conservation area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 17.7 P/FUL/2022/03209 – 25<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – T.C.M. & Health UK Ltd – 8 Froxfield Road – Erect single storey detached building to be used for acupuncture.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to all necessary facilities being in place.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

- 17.8 P/HOU/2022/03342– 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr Downs – 54 Elizabeth Road – Erect 2 storey side extension (demolish existing lean to)

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no loss of amenity to the neighbours and it reflects other buildings in the area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Lindsay left the meeting at 8.21pm.

- 17.9 P/HOU/2022/03341 – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr & Mrs Curtis – Chelston Alfred Street – Erect single storey side extension & single storey rear extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

- 17.9 P/HOU/2022/03341 – 27<sup>th</sup> May 2022 – Mr & Mrs Curtis – Chelston Alfred Street – Erect single storey side extension & single storey rear extension (cont.)

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no significant harm to the designated and non-designated heritage assets in the conservation area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Lindsay returned to the meeting at 8.23pm

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

19. **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. There are no items relevant to Blandford Forum on the agenda. Cllr Lacey-Clarke reported that both Dorset Councillors have requested that planning applications P/LBC/2022/01063 and P/FUL/2022/01062 are considered by the Committee. The Chairman is in agreement, but confirmation has not been received yet.

20. **TO CONSIDER INTRODUCING A MONTHLY SUNDAY LOCAL PRODUCE MARKET**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

**The Town Council does not offer free pitches for a Sunday market. Traders would have to pay for their pitch in line with the Thursday and Saturday market traders. However, the Town Council would support the introduction of a Sunday market and welcomes proposals from the Market Manager.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

21. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE PROPOSAL TO WIDEN THE EAST FOOTWAY ALONG SALISBURY STREET, BLANDFORD, AS PART OF THE ONGOING PAVING SLAB REPLACEMENT WORKS**

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stevens, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (9 in favour, 4 abstentions) that

**The Town Council supports the proposal of widening the pavement.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

- 22.1 Suspended Parking Along Market Place - This Order will enable Dorset Council to carry out surfacing works. It will come into place on 6<sup>th</sup> June 2022. It is anticipated that the works will be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> June 2022. Parking will be suspended along the Market Place, from the

**22. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)**

junction of Salisbury Street and Church Lane for a distance of 80 metres as indicated by signs and cones on site.

22.2 Tree Preservation Order - A provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) has been made at Land North West Of Tin Pot Lane, Blandford Forum on 26 May 2022 for the following reason(s): The following is the statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order (as required by REGULATION 5 of The Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012): Following receipt of an Outline planning application reference P/OUT/2022/01868 an assessment of the trees on site was undertaken and it is the Council's view that the trees on the two parcels of land are considered to contribute positively to the amenity of the locality Their long-term protection and retention is therefore sought.

A1 - All trees of whatever species

A2 - All trees of whatever species

The order is currently provisional, and the Council will have six months, from the date on the order, in which to decide whether the order is to be confirmed or not. All representations or valid objections regarding the order received within the 28-day notice period will be considered prior to any decision being made.

22.3 Events at the Arches – Dr Hixson Andrews has requested to use the Railway Arches for two events. Cllr Lacey-Clarke asked which organisations are co-hosting the events and it was agreed that the request will be brought back to the R&A Committee meeting on 20<sup>th</sup> June for further discussion.

The meeting closed at 8:52pm.

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