

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 3rd October 2022 at 7:02pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr R Carter – Chairman
Cllr C Stevens – Chairman of Council
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr H White
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr A Cross

Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chairman
Cllr H Mievile – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr P Clark
Cllr E Bray
Cllr L Hitchings

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown

Operations Manager
Steve Tonkin, Cranborne Chase AONB

43. PUBLIC SESSION

43.1 Steve Tonkin FRAS – Dark Skies Adviser, Cranborne Chase AONB – Mr Tonkin explained to councillors that they were awarded with Dark Skies area three years ago. They are engaging with local organisations and there is a focus on biodiversity due to the impact lighting has on plant and animal life. In the last 20 years we have lost 68% of our insect population in this country. Mr Tonkin asked the council to consider including this in the Neighbourhood Plan and as part of planning applications. The Chairman thanked Mr Tonkin for attending the meeting and updating councillors.

43.2 Roadworks in Town Centre – Cllr Bray raised the issue of the congestion caused by the temporary traffic lights at Langton Road crossroads, potentially affecting emergency vehicles.

44. APOLOGIES

Cllr B Quayle

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

Cllrs Herbert, Mievile and S Hitchings declared personal interests in planning applications.

46. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th September 2022

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (14 in favour, 1 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

47. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE CRANBORNE CHASE AONB PRESENTATION ON THE DARK SKIES

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

The Town Council emphasises the importance of dark skies in the modification review of the Neighbourhood Plan and seeks wording from the B+ monitoring group.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

48. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 48.1 P/FUL/2022/05118 and P/ADV/2022/5119 – 5th September 2022 – Star Pubs and Bars – 77 Salisbury Street – External alterations for the installation of 3no. signs, replacement of 2no. amenity boards, replacement of 2no. lanterns to front elevation & installation of 8no. floodlights

Cllr Mieville declared a personal interest because he knows the applicant and he refrained from discussion and voting.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application and believes that the alterations are in accordance with B+ NP policies B8 & B11.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 48.2 P/FUL/2022/05545 and P/LBC/2022/05546 – 5th September 2022 – JKL (Enterprises) Ltd - 9-9A Barnack Cambers West Street – Alteration & extension of the building to create a new mansard roof with third floor accommodation & a roof terrace at second floor level

7:37pm – Cllr Herbert declared a personal interest and left the room during discussion and voting because she knows the applicant.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (8 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application and believes that the reinstatement of a heritage roof will enhance the roofscape in the conservation area. This is subject to the Conservation and Planning Officers' approval of the number of dwellings within the property (the application is in accordance with B+ NP policies B8 & B11).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 48.3 P/FUL/2022/04536 – 14th September 2022 – Kingsway Plastering – Kingsway Kings Road - Retain change of use of garage to annex creating 1no. unit of residential accommodation

7:45pm – Cllr Herbert returned to the meeting and Cllr S Hitchings declared a personal interest and left the room during discussion and voting because he lives in the area.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Carter that there are no objections, however this was withdrawn. It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention, 1 non-vote) that

Although there are deep reservations about how this application was originally made, the Town Council has no comments (B+ NP policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

8:01 pm – Cllr S Hitchings returned to the meeting and Cllr Bray left the meeting.

- 48.4 P/FUL/2022/05477 – 14th September 2022 – Mr Martin Whitfield – Mon Repos, Milldown Road – Sever plot, erect dwelling with detached garage

8:04 pm – Cllr Bray returned to the meeting.

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

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, which is in accordance with B+ NP policy B11.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

48.5 P/FUL/2022/05583 – 15th September – Mr Haigh – Bell Inn Yard, The Cottage Salisbury Street - Change of use from one 2 bed dwelling into 2 one bed dwellings.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application and believes that the alterations are in accordance with B+ NP policy B8.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

48.6 P/FUL/2022/05498 – 20th September 2022 – HSBC Bank PLC – 17 Market Place - Replacement ATM and install CCTV and a scotia collar

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application (B+ NP policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

48.7 P/FUL/2022/05759 and P/LBC/2022/05760 and P/ADV/202205761 – 22nd September – Stonegate Pub Group – 42 East Street – Internal alterations & refurbishment/re-decoration works, together with external repainting, re-opening of doorway to external courtyard & replacement signage. Display 1no. illuminated projecting sign & 1no. illuminated building sign

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application (B+ NP policies B8 & B11 apply).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

48.8 P/OUT/2022/01868 – 26th September – Land Northwest 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 Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr Bray and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application and believes that it is in accordance with B+ NP policy B1.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

8:25 pm – Cllr Lindsay left the meeting.

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

The paper was distributed prior to the meeting.

8:25 pm – Cllr Lindsay returned to the meeting.

50. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

Nothing to report.

51. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

- 51.1 Tree Preservation Order TPO/2022/0026 – The Tree Officer has written to inform the Town Council that the provisional Tree Preservation Order (TPO) at Land Northwest of Tin Pot Lane, Blandford Forum was confirmed without modification under delegated powers on the 15th September 2022.
- 51.2 Dorset Council Planning Service – Following the very well-attended planning forum meeting Dorset Council held on 27th May, further engagement sessions have been arranged between Dorset Council's planning service and the town and parish councils. To make these a bit more tailored to our interests, Dorset Council is intending to hold an event for each of the three areas covered by their Area Planning Committees. Two Councillors have been invited to the first of these for the Northern Committee area, which will be held in the Corn Exchange, Dorchester on Tuesday 18th October. Cllr Carter, as Chair of Planning and Cllr Holmes will attend on behalf of Blandford Forum Town Council.
- 51.3 October Meetings – The Town Clerk confirmed the meetings for the remainder of the month are as follows:
Monday 10th October – T&GP at 7pm
Monday 17th October – Sally Wilson (The Blandford School) at 6:15pm / Town Council meeting at 7pm
Monday 24th October – Corn Exchange meeting at 7pm, followed by a Trust meeting
- 51.4 Christmas Show – Sovereign Housing has contacted the Town Clerk with funding to produce a family Christmas Show in the Corn Exchange, which will be held on Sunday 4th December 2022.

52. CONFIDENTIAL

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

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.

52.1 Town Clerk's Report

Nothing to report.

52.2 To consider potential proposals for the West Street development regarding the toilets/TIC

The Town Clerk updated Councillors on a site meeting requested by the developer for the West Street site and Dorset Council's Asset Manager to try to progress his development. Cllr Stevens was in attendance, along with DC Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle and the Operations Manager. Cllr Lacey-Clarke explained the discussion held, which included the possibility of an opportunity to bring other DC services together into the ground floor building in that area. He emphasised the importance of retaining public toilets in the area and the inclusion of the Information Centre. This was supported by those in attendance and gives the DC Cllrs a steer for future discussions with the developer and DC officers.

The meeting closed at 8:50 pm.

SIGNED: DATED: