

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 7th November 2022 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

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

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk	Operations Manager
Committee Clerk	Nicci Brown (online via Microsoft Teams)

53. PUBLIC SESSION

A gentleman named Home came to speak to the Council about young people in the town and raised concerns about the cold weather and elderly people. He also mentioned issues with lack of bins, rubbish collections and drug paraphernalia around the town. The Chairman thanked him for coming to speak to the Councillors.

Cllr Carter introduced Julie Wigg, attending her first meeting as the new Committee Clerk postholder.

54. APOLOGIES

Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chairman	Cllr E Bray
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55. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION

Cllr S Hitchings declared a personal interest in the agenda item for the Neighbourhood plan documents because his property is included in the list of heritage assets.

56. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 3rd October 2022

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

57. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

57.1 P/HOU/2022/06056 - 5th October 2022 – Mrs C Townend – 60 Victoria Road - Construct front and rear dormers

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

The Town Council has no objection to the proposal as it will restore architectural balance to the terrace of 3, is common to this part of the Conservation Area and in style and materials conforms with B+NP policy B11 (i and ii).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

57. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (cont)**

57.2 P/LBC/2022/05643 - 11th October 2022 - Retsof Homes limited – 11 Market Place - Replacement of lead flashing above shop frontage.

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

The Town Council has no objection as the proposal will enhance the building and is in accordance with B+ NP policy B11 (i and ii).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

57.3 P/FUL/2022/05831 – 11th October 2022 – Jurassic Fibre – Recreation Ground, Bowling Pavilion, Park Road - Erection of telecommunications kiosk unit with palisade perimeter fencing.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens, and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that

**The Town Council notes the application; however Councillors are also Trustees to the Barnes For A Recreation Trust – the charity that owns the recreation ground – and had previously voted against Jurassic Fibre’s request to install a telecommunications kiosk and this will not be permitted.
Blandford + NP policy B11**

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

57.4 P/HOU/2022/05605 – 21st October 2022 – Mr D O’Neill - Coonor Milldown Road - Conversion of existing garage to an Annexe for family use only. (Regularisation)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to this application because there is no loss of neighbour amenity and the design and construction are in accordance with B+ NP policy B11 does not cause any harm to the conservation area and is in accordance with B+ NP policy B11.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

57.5 P/LBC/2022/06233 – 21st October 2022 – Mr Powney – 67a Salisbury Street - Retain replacement windows, rooflights, door and render.

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

The Town Council has no objections to this application as it regards this as an enhancement to the building, the materials and style are in keeping with the Conservation area and the building and is in accordance with B+ NP policy B11. BFTC believe that there will be less than significant harm done to the designated and undesignated heritage assets in this part of the Conservation area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

57.6 P/NMA/2022/05381 – 26th October 2022 – Drew Smith – Site of Nordon, Salisbury Road - Non-material amendment - additional pier at front of site to Plot 40 and changes to appearance of road frontage walls, to Reserved Matters Approval No. 2/2020/0726/REM (Erect 40 No. affordable homes with associated internal access, parking, gardens and open space). **The Town Council notes the application.**

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

The paper was distributed to Councillors.

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

None

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

60.1 Certificate of Lawful Use – P/CLP/2022/05901 – Unit A Holland Way – Erect 2 No. extensions – information only. The above Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed has been received and the Town Council is notified for information purposes only.

60.2 Dark Skies – Further to the Town Council's resolution at the last Planning meeting 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.

The consultants for the B+ Neighbourhood Plan have added the following statement into the draft modification proposal in three places:

Applicants are also directed to the CCWWD AONB good practice notes for Dark-Sky compliant lighting on new buildings and refurbishments.

This has been shared with the Dark Skies Advisor, Steve Tonkin and he has conveyed his thanks to the Town Council and its consultant, which has been passed on.

60.3 Nordon Site – A resident has written to query the naming of the Nordon site – Duke's Parade – which reads as 'Dukes Parade' on the street sign, hence one of the issues is the lack of apostrophe. Dorset Council advised that 'we are not allowed to add any punctuation on to street names as it causes confusion with other systems searching and retrieving the name, such as for the emergency services. This is outlined in our policy...'. The other issue raised was the naming itself and the resident was referred to the Planning meeting minutes of 24th May 2021, Minute No. 11. The Town Council had put forward Duke of Edinburgh or Ryan.

60.4 Open License Application – A notice received on 7th November 22 – Item not on agenda but brought to Councillors' attention as representations are required by the 23rd November 2022. The details are as follows:

[The Greyhound Inn, Market Place](#)

To: 1. extend the permitted hours for performance of live music, playing of recorded music, provision of late night refreshment and provision of alcohol by one hour on Friday and Saturday nights (into the following mornings); and remove "Provision of facilities for making music" and "...for dancing" from the licence, as these are no longer licensable activities

61. **TO APPROVE THE SUITE OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION AUTHORISING DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING GROUP AND THE TOWN CLERK TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS WHERE NECESSARY**

The paper was noted (see Appendix B)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 non-votes) that

61. **TO APPROVE THE SUITE OF DRAFT DOCUMENTS FOR PRE-SUBMISSION CONSULTATION AUTHORISING DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO THE MEMBERS OF THE MONITORING GROUP AND THE TOWN CLERK TO MAKE MINOR AMENDMENTS WHERE NECESSARY (cont)**

Councillors approve the suite of documents, subject to any amendments they may have, and delegate authority to the B+ Monitoring Group to make any minor amendments to finalise the documents.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62. **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS FROM DAPTC FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

A. West Moors Town Council and Charlton Marshall Parish Council

Request that the requirement to display planning site notices within Dorset is monitored at a convenient and correctly timed consultation period for neighbours and parish and town councils. Additionally, that Dorset Council revise their policy on advising relevant parties/neighbours of planning applications.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr S Hitchings and AGREED (11 in favour, 3 abstentions) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

B. Char Valley Parish Council and Lyme Regis Town Council

Request that NALC continue to lobby central government for changes to the Local Government Schedule 12 Part II, permitting parish and town councils to determine whether they meet online and/or in person.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr P Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

C. Lyme Regis Town Council

Request that NALC lobby central government for changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. Furthermore, write to Dorset Council to ask that they include provision to relax planning policy in favour of improved methods and materials for enhanced environmental performance of building works in their local plan and heritage assets across the county.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Stevens and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

D. Lyme Regis Town Council

Request NALC lobby central government to make amendments to housing legislation to limit the qualifying criteria in favour of local applicants where they have closer ties.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (11 in favour, 3 abstentions) that

The Town Council does not support the motion.

62. **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS FROM DAPTC FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (cont)**

E. Corfe Castle Parish Council

The DAPTC support the provisions in the Levelling-up and Regeneration Bill to discourage the growth in second homes by a 100% surcharge on council tax and seeks further discretionary controls on the growth in holiday lets and if passed a resolution be forwarded to NALC, the Local Government Association and Dorset MP's.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (7 in favour, 6 abstentions, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

F. Piddle Valley Town Council

Piddle Valley Parish Council requests that DAPTC lobby the Dorset Police and Crime Commissioner to support better enforcement, and the Government for stronger penalties, for the illegal use of public Rights of Way of motor vehicles (Footpaths, Bridleways and Restricted Byways).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (6 in favour, 7 abstentions) that

The Town Council does not support the motion.

G. Swanage Town Council

DAPTC asks Dorset Council to use its statutory authority to challenge changes to health services that reduce residents' access to health care, including in emergency. Furthermore, that it requires the Integrated Care Board to deliver the improved access to health care, including for rural residents, that was promised as part of the Clinical Services Review and account to Dorset Council regarding their plan.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (11 in favour, 3 abstentions) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

H. Broadmayne Parish Council

Broadmayne Parish Council urges the DAPTC to make representations that Dorset Council should adopt a vehicle speed limit policy for roads within towns and villages. Within built up areas, where there are journeys made by foot along a road and there is either no footway or only partial footway provision, the default speed limit for motor vehicles for the entire length of the road within the built-up area should be 20mph.

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

The Town Council does not support the motion.

I. Corfe Castle Parish Council

DAPTC requests the Dorset Council help parish and town councils with budget preparation for 2023/24 by providing an election cost calculator. This will enable parishes

62. **TO CONSIDER RESOLUTIONS FROM DAPTC FOR THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (cont)**

to determine whether they include a potential cost for an election ahead of May 2024 and to hold a reasonably accurate amount in the budget for such purposes.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council does not support the motion.

J. Alderholt Parish Council

DAPTC requests Dorset Council Planning team to make the necessary changes to the planning portal at their earliest opportunity, to allow each parish and town to create weekly planning reports identifying new planning applications and those where decisions have been made.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (7 in favour, 6 abstentions and 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

K. Beaminster Town Council

The DAPTC strongly urges the National Association of Local Councils to lobby Government to secure legislation for the inclusion solar electric, water heating generation and other energy saving and generating technology in all new domestic and industrial buildings in the UK.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Osborne and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council supports the motion.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

63. **TO RECEIVE FEEDBACK FROM THE ALLOTMENT MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE ON THE PROPOSED ALLOTMENT BUILDING**

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

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

The Town Council supports the Allotment Management Committee in its approval of the amended proposals and responds to the developer with the compilation of comments/queries listed in the report.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8.42pm.

SIGNED: DATED: