

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 16th January 2023 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr R Carter – Chairman
Cllr E Bray
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr H Mieville

Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chair
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr H White
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr C Stevens

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk

Committee Clerk

IN ATTENDANCE VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Nicci Brown

74. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Lacey-Clarke said that the applicant for Deer Park Farm has taken the planning application straight to appeal. Dorset Council councillors have already submitted a robust objection and he has suggested that BFTC councillors also put together an objection for submission. Cllr Lacey-Clarke has reassured the council that he will continue to monitor the situation and will keep the council informed.

Cllr Carter mentioned the planning application for land North of Wards Drove, Blandford St Mary. Councillors have already objected to it but another outline planning application has come in with a deadline of the 2nd February. Cllr Carter requests that it is added to the agenda and discussed at the next full council meeting on the 30th January, which was supported.

75. APOLOGIES

Cllr Clark
Cllr L Hitchings

Cllr Jacques
Cllr A Cross

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

None

77. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th DECEMBER 2022

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

78. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

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

79.1 **[P/HOU/2022/07884](#) - Fusion House Peel Close Blandford Forum DT11 7JU - Erect Garage and Side Extension to House**

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no harm to the designated or non-designated heritage assets (B+ NP B11 - Managing Design in the Conservation Area (next to the CA but not part of it).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

79.2 **[P/HOU/2022/07830](#) - 21 Kingston Close Blandford Forum DT11 7UQ – Erect New Conservatory to rear of dwelling**

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no impact to the conservation area (B+ NP B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

79.3 **[P/HOU/2022/07910](#) - 12 Mortain Close Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7XA – Erect Single Storey Rear Extension, Erect Porch, Move Fence Line to Rear Garden and Erect Fence**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Bray and SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (11 in favour and 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no perceived loss to neighbourhood amenity.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

79.4 **[P/HOU/2022/07772](#) - 1 Cobham Road Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7YF – Erect extension to rear and extend front of garage**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes and SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there would be no loss of amenity to any of the neighbours.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

79.5 **[P/HOU/2022/07964](#) - 2 Kingston Close Blandford Forum DT11 7UQ - Erect Rear Single Storey Extension and Front Porch**

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no harm to any designated or non-designated heritage assets (B+ B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

79.6 **[P/HOU/2022/07597](#) - 30 Albert Street Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7HZ - Install two air sourced heat pumps in the yard next to the house**

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

80. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONTINUED...**

The Town Council has no objections to the application and welcome appropriate use of de-carbonisation methods (B+ B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

80.7 **P/HOU/2022/07494 – Melbury, St Leonards Avenue Blandford Forum DT11 7PD Erect single storey rear extension. Erect attached garage and garage Conversion. Install air source heat pump. 2 Nr garden sheds/stores**

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application subject to the PRA and recommendations from the bat survey (B+ B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

80.8 **P/HOU/2022/07495 - 17 Salisbury Road Blandford Forum DT11 7HN - Demolish and rebuild first floor rear extension**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter and SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that

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

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

80.9 **P/TRC/2023/00027 - 67/69 East Street Blandford Forum DT11 7DX - G1 - Conifer x 14 – Fell**

This application was for information only.

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

The paper had been emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting.

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

None

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

- 83.1 **HSBC Branch Closure** – A letter had been circulated regarding the closure of the HSBC branch. Cllr. Holmes asked for it to be noted that she is concerned about the lack of facilities for Blandford residents and that the building will be left to decay like the Barclays one currently is. Cllr Carter queried the possibility of having a banking hub. Cllr Quayle said that he is already exploring this option but that the biggest issue is that having a hub may force the other banks to close. He will continue to monitor the situation but has said that if it is possible it can take 2-3 years to set up. The Town Clerk had spoken to Nicci Brown and queried if it could be used as a community resource/hub but unfortunately it is at the end of its lease and therefore HSBC cannot help. Cllr Bray said that the post office offers an excellent service and it is a great place for people to meet which addresses isolation and asks councillors to encourage people to use it. Cllr Osborne said that as its much simpler to bank now there are many other options that can be utilised.

83. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE (CONT.)

83.2 DAPTC Councillors' Networking Event – The DAPTC is organising an in-person networking event at Kingston Maurward on 9th March 2023 from 10am. Registration will open soon and Cllr. Spencer Flower (Leader of Dorset Council) will open proceedings followed by a Q&A. Also in attendance will be the Chair of NALC, Cllr Keith Stevens and Justin Griggs. Please let the office know if you would like to attend.

83.3 Applications for Tree Works – Dorset Council is in the process of working on a new module which allows town and parish councils to choose what tree applications they are notified about. However, until this module is live officers have confirmed that they will continue to notify town and parish councils and ward members where proposals are made to fell trees. If information is required on other tree work applications (where felling is not proposed) then a search will have to be made on the Dorset Council planning site <https://planning.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/>. It is possible to carry out a general search of the parish without an application number by using the 'advanced search' option and entering Blandford Forum under 'Parish'.

84. TO SEEK RETROSPECTIVE EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR LEGIONELLA WORKS

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The council supports this recommendation and retrospectively approves expenditure of £2,197.24 using funds from the PPM budget line (Expenditure Authority: Localism Act 2011 s1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 7:46pm.

SIGNED: DATED: