

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 6th March 2023 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr R Carter – Chairman
Cllr E Bray
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr A Cross

Cllr K Herbert – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr H White
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr P Clark
Cllr P Osborne

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk

Committee Clerk

94. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Holmes expressed her concern about the dangerous condition of the pavements around Liddington Crescent, Badbury Drive and Jubilee Way and asked DC Councillors to investigate. Cllr Carter agreed because, to his knowledge, no maintenance had been carried out since the properties were built. Cllr Quayle confirmed that all maintained roads and pavements are regularly inspected but has agreed that he and Cllr Lacey-Clarke will follow up.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke gave an update on the planning application for 3 Stevens Close. He confirmed that the Chairman of the Planning Committee appreciates the unified response from Town Councillors and agrees that it is an overdevelopment so will keep an eye on it. Cllr Lacey-Clarke will follow up.

Cllr Bray has spoken to residents in the areas where work was recently carried out by Gigaclear. She asked if DC can insist that Gigaclear arranges to have the areas cleaned. Cllr Lacey-Clarke confirmed that DC is aware of this and working with Gigaclear. Cllr Quayle also confirmed that he has spoken to the owner of Wessex Internet with regards to similar issues.

Cllr Bray wanted to bring to the Council's attention that some local businesses are concerned about the arrival of Tiger Vape in the store that was Carphone Warehouse. Although they appreciate the Town Council cannot do anything about this, Cllr Bray wanted to make Councillors aware that businesses are concerned.

The Councillors offered their congratulations to Cllr Herbert as her company has recently received a multi-national award.

Cllr Carter expressed his thanks to Simon Hoare MP for writing a letter of objection to the Planning Inspectorate regarding the Deer Park Development.

95. APOLOGIES

Cllr Jacques

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

Cllr S Hitchings declared an interest because his property is listed on the Heritage Plan.

Cllr Bray will abstain from voting on the planning application for Yew Tree Farm, Langton Road, Blandford Forum as she knows the owners.

97. **MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 16th JANUARY 2023**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (13 in favour, 2 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

98.1 **P/HOU/2023/00435 Locarno, Milldown Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7DD**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (13 in favour and 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council agrees with the Conservation Officer's assessment and does not support this application as it is not in keeping with the local area and harm to the conservation area is perceived (B+ NP policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

98.2 **P/LBC/2022/04332 Netherleigh Lodge 78 Salisbury Street Blandford Forum DT11 7PS**

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

The Town Council supports this application as it considers there is no harm to the historic fabric of the house, to local designated or non-designated Heritage assets or the conservation area (B+ NP Policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

98.3 **P/FUL/2023/00605 3 Hospital Metalcraft Limited, Blandford Heights Industrial Estate, Blandford Forum DT11 7TG**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (13 in favour and 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objection to the application (Blandford + NP Policy B3 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

98.4 **P/FUL/2023/00129 Yew Tree Farm, Langton Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7EN**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (11 in favour, 3 against and 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objection to this application (Blandford + NP Policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

98.5 **P/FUL/2022/03963 Land at E3882210 N106645 Deer Park Road Blandford Forum**

Objection submitted to planning inspectorate 6th March 2023 – Noted by Councillors.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

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

100. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

None

101. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Dorset Council Planning Engagement Session for Town and Parish Councils - Invitation from Cllr. David Walsh – The Committee Clerk informed Councillors of this event, which is being held in the Corn Exchange, High East Street, Dorchester, DT1 1HF at 2:30pm on Wednesday 19th April 2023. The main focus of the meeting will be:

- Dorset Council Planning for Climate Change: Interim Guidance and Position Statement
- Sustainability Statement and Checklist for Planning Applications
- Listed Buildings – what you can do for climate change

Places are limited to two per parish/town council in the first instance. The Committee Clerk asked Councillors to let her know if they are available to attend, if not she is able to represent the Town Council.

102. TO APPROVE AND ADOPT AMENDMENTS TO THE DESIGN CODE PROVIDED BY AECOM AND THE SUITE OF DOCUMENTS

It is recommended that Councillors approve and adopt amendments to the suite of documents including the Design Code provided by AECOM ready to submit to Dorset Council on the 17th March. However, the Blandford + NP group is awaiting further landowner comments with regards to the designated heritage list for Blandford and Bryanston. Hence, to achieve this deadline, it is requested that Councillors give the group delegated authority to submit the documents to Dorset Council after the comments are received.

UPDATE: The submission of the papers is now not dependent on the landowners’ comments so the documents will be submitted on the 17th March 2023 as planned.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (13 in favour and 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council approves and adopts amendments to the Design Code and the suite of documents for submission to the Dorset Council on the 17th March 2023, and authorises delegated authority to the B+ NP group for any minor changes.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 7:42pm.

SIGNED: DATED: