



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

To: All Town Councillors
Members of the Public & Press

Dorset Council Councillors

Dear Member

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

You are summoned to attend a meeting of the Town Council which will be held in the **Corn Exchange**, Market Place, Blandford Forum on **Tuesday 9th May 2023** to consider the following items. This meeting will start immediately after the Annual Meeting of the Town Council and is also available to view online using Microsoft Teams [using this link](#).

Linda Scott-Giles
Town Clerk
2nd May 2023

A G E N D A

Prior to consideration of the following Agenda, there will be a democratic quarter of an hour, which may be extended at the discretion of the Council, during which time members of the public may speak. During the course of the meeting, members of the public and our elected representatives from the Dorset Council may indicate they wish to speak, and, at the discretion of the Chairman, and with the approval of the Members, they may be allowed to do so on points of information only. The Council may on occasion invite members of the public to comment on specific issues where points of information or their particular knowledge on a subject might prove of benefit to the Council.

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights. Disabled access is available.

All in attendance should be aware that filming, recording, photography or otherwise may occur during the meeting.

1. Public Session
2. Report from Dorset Council Councillors
3. Apologies
4. To receive any Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations
5. [Town Clerk's Report & Correspondence](#)
6. Civic Report
7. Recommendations and Receipt of Minutes
8. To receive an update and consider any requests from the:
 - 8.1 Neighbourhood Plan Working Group – Blandford +
 - 8.2 BFTC Commemoration Group
 - 8.3 Climate Change & Biodiversity
 - 8.4 Dorset Council Grant to support the Market Area Enhancement Project
 - 8.5 The King's Coronation Working Group – to receive a summary of the weekend of events and an update on expenditure

9. [Planning Applications](#) (due to deadlines)
 - 9.1 Planning Application [P/FUL/2022/03360](#)
Former Priory Hospital Fairfield Bungalows Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7HX
10. Reports from Community and Local Organisations (Councillors are requested to advise the Chairman of Council or the Town Clerk if they wish to make a report under this heading)
 - 10.1 BLCCG – Cllr Carter distributed the minutes of the last BLCCG meeting for distribution to all councillors with the agenda
11. Confidential

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.

 - 11.1 To consider a nomination to present a certificate of appreciation to a member of the community (sent to councillors separately)

DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

19 th May	Mayor Making Ceremony
22 nd May	Town Council Meeting (Corn Exchange)
29 th May	Bank Holiday
5 th June	Planning Meeting
12 th June	Finance and Staffing Committee meeting
19 th June	Recreation and Amenities Committee Meeting
24 th June	Armed Forces Day

Minutes of the Town Council and Committee meetings are available from Blandford Library, the Town Clerk's Office and at www.blandfordforum-tc.gov.uk

Twinned with Preetz, Germany

Twinned with Mortain, France



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Town Clerk's Report

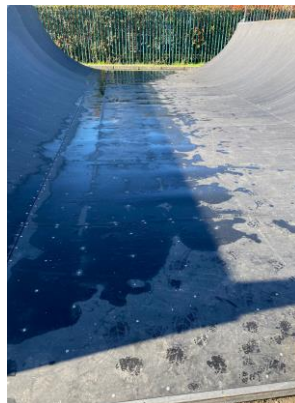
Corn Exchange Planning Application P/FUL/2022/06707 and P/LBC/2022/06710 – The planning authority, Dorset Council sought approval to extend the response time to the application to 28th April 2023. They have now written again asking that 'to allow for the receipt of the comments of a Conservation Officer, of the Council, the possible submission of any necessary details and the processing of the applications, would you be happy to agree to extensions of time, for the determination of P/FUL/2022/06707 and P/LBC/2022/06710, to 31/05/2023?' The architect has agreed.

Badger Cross – Councillors will recall that the Town Council installed two large planters and a new bench on the Dorset Council land at Badger Cross in an attempt to improve the appearance of the area. The Rangers were to continue with the maintenance of the wildflower/grassed area but have asked the Operations Manager if the Town Council's grounds team will trim the grass around the planters and this has been agreed because we maintain the planter (next to the bench) anyway.

Coronation Funding – In addition to The National Lottery funding secured for the Coronation events, Cllr Bray informed the Town Clerk of £300 grants available from Sovereign Housing and this application has also been successful. That totals £2,560 in funding received for the events, which limits the impact on the budget and helps us provide free events to bring the community together.

Knife Crime in Blandford community meeting – PC Tom Harness is arranging to provide a community update on knife crime in the town. This will be held in the Corn Exchange on Monday 15th May at 6pm.

Skate Park – The Town Clerk and Grounds & Property Supervisor attended a site meeting with the contractor at the skate park and he demonstrated – with the help of some local lads – that the surfaces are very springy in places and this is due to a lack of support structure in place on the equipment shown in the attached photos. We are therefore awaiting a quote.



New Planning Applications - Appendix A
Town Council Meeting on 9th May 2023

	Application & Date	Application Details	Comments/ Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011-2033
1	<p><u>P/FUL/2022/03360</u></p> <p>Deadline extended until the 10th May</p> <p>Mr D Simmonds</p>	<p>Former Priory Hospital, Fairfield Bungalows, Blandford Forum PLANNING RE-CONSULTATION</p> <p>Convert former special needs residential care home into 16 No. flats and carry out associated external alterations, including construction of terraces and balconies. Erect cycle store</p>	<p>Blandford + NP Policy B1</p>