BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting Held on Monday 17th July 2023 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange Continuation The second of Council

PRESENT

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman

Cllr Lindsay Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman of Council

Cllr P Clark Cllr S Hitchings

Cllr H White Cllr R Holmes – Acting Vice Chairman

Cllr C Stevens Cllr B Quavle Cllr P Osborne Cllr L Hitchings

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk Committee Clerk

In Cllr Cross's absence, Cllr Carter was chairing the meeting and it was agreed that Cllr Holmes would act as Vice Chairman.

12. **PUBLIC SESSION**

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Cllr Holmes said that Barefaced Brewery's sign is still in place. Cllr Quayle agreed to follow up.

13. **APOLOGIES**

Cllr A Cross – Chairman Cllr Herbert Cllr Jacques

14. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION Agenda Item 16.5

Cllr S Hitchings declared an interest as his company sponsors BUFC. Cllr Lacey-Clarke proposed a dispensation that he does not need to leave the room but will not have a vote. This was agreed unanimously.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 5th JUNE 2023 15.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville and AGREED (10 in favour and 2 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

16. <u>APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS</u>

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

16.1a P/FUL/2023/03242 & P/LBC/2023/03243 - 18B Salisbury St, Blandford Forum DT11 7AR

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

The Town Council has no objection to this planning application as the windows are an improvement and are like for like. (NPPF para 194; Blandford + NP Policies B8 and B11 apply).

16. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONT....

16.1b P/LBC/2023/03617 & P/FUL/2023/03616 - 18B Salisbury St, Blandford Forum DT11 7AR

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

The Town Council is keen to support energy saving measures so has no objection to this planning application as the double-glazed windows are on the second floor. (NPPF para 194; Blandford + NP Policies B8 and B11 apply)

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

16.2 <u>P/CLE/2023/03323 - Taylors Field, Land South Of Damory Coaches Yard E390357 N108510, Salisbury Road, Pimperne</u>

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

The Town Council agree to the extension of the certificate of lawfulness. (Blandford + NP policy B2 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

16.3 P/HOU/2023/03349 - 20 Heddington Drive, Blandford Forum, Dorset, DT11 7TP

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

The Town Council has no objection to this planning application but requests that neighbour's objections with regards to overlooking and loss of light are investigated further. (NDLP 2016 design policy 24. Blandford + NP Policy B1).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

16.4 <u>P/FUL/2021/02634 - 43-43A East Street Blandford Forum DT11 7DX - APPEAL</u>

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

The Town Council supports its original objection but would like to add the following comments:-

- 1) That all ground floors should remain commercial use, even if they are on different levels. BFTC further adds that they believe that the proposed frontage retail space, is too small to sustain a viable retail outlet.
- 2) The Town Councillors are aware that, due to high market rent, the property has now been empty for 7 years. This is an important commercial property in the centre of town and the Town Council will not support further loss of retail space. (Blandford + NP policies B8 and B11 apply).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

16. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONT....

16.5 <u>P/FUL/2023/03166- Blandford United Football Club Pavilion, Park Road, Blandford Forum</u>

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention and 1 non vote) that

The Town Council note the application but offer no comment. (NDDC LP Policy 16 para 24 applies. Blandford + NP Policy B11 applies).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

16.6 <u>P/TRC/2023/03302 - 59 Salisbury Road Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7LW</u> T1 - Silver Birch

Application withdrawn 6.7.2023.

16.7 <u>P/TRT/2023/03915 - 1 Whitecliff Gardens Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7BU</u> T1 - Cypress

This application was for information only and was noted.

17. <u>APPENDIX B – DORSET COUNCIL DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS AND APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS</u>

The paper was emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting (Appendix B) and was noted.

Cllr S Hitchings asked if there's any further information on Deer Park. Cllr Lacey-Clarke confirmed that no public information is available at present.

18. <u>SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS</u>

None

19. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Nothing to report.

20. <u>COMMITTEE CLERKS REPORT</u>

20.1 Planning Summit

The paper was noted (See Appendix C).

Cllr Carter gave his thanks to the Committee Clerk for providing such concise notes. Cllr Carter asked how a Local Development Plan differs from a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Lacey-Clarkes' understanding is that a Development Plan does not undergo the same level of scrutiny as a Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Mieville expressed his relief that Neighbourhood Plans will offer protection for five years instead of two.

Cllr Carter said there's seems to be some discrepancy between the housing target of 300,000 houses and the local area deciding on the number of houses. He said that the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) need to provide more clarity on this.

Cllr Carter also expressed his concern about the suggested fast turnaround for planning applications. Cllr White agreed it could cause chaos, especially for more complicated planning applications. It was accepted that this is just a proposal at present, and it is hoped these concerns would be taken into account.

20. <u>COMMITTEE CLERKS REPORT CONT....</u>

Cllr Mieville queried The Centre for Sustainable Energy's (CSE) plans for renewables and community engagement. Cllr Osborne felt that the CSE's approach is a positive way to engage the community, but it was agreed that to do this funding is needed.

20.2 To approve the updated Blandford + Neighbourhood plan Memorandum of Understanding

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

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

The Town Council approve the updated Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan Memorandum of Understanding.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 8.06pm	
SIGNED:	DATED: