

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 1st February 2021 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams

DRAFT
Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr H White
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr A Cross
Cllr C Jacques – arrived at 7.02pm
Cllr H Mieville – arrived at 7.13pm

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr J Stayt

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk
Kate Seeger

65. PUBLIC SESSION

- 65.1 Kate Seeger spoke about her planning application for the Land South of Nightingale Court, East Street and was looking for support from Town Councillors. It will be a space for the community, with over 250 signatures and 100 positive comments collected. Cllr Carter asked who the planning officer was determining the application previously and Ms Seeger responded providing the officer's name. Cllr Stayt asked when this will be put in place, depending on the decision made by the Dorset Council. Ms Seeger responded that she is hoping to have it erected by May this year, ready for the summer. Cllr Lacey-Clarke enquired if there are any toilet or hand washing facilities. Ms Seeger responded that there aren't any planned, but she is hoping to work with the surrounding café and supermarket. It is an outdoor garden space and not for indoor use.

66. APOLOGIES

None

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

None

68. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18TH JANUARY 2021

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED. These minutes will be signed at the next earliest opportunity.

69. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 69.1 P/FUL/2020/00351 – 19th January 2021 – Blandford Art Hub – Land South of Nightingale Court East Street – Change of use of land and erect 2 No. Art Workshop buildings for 'Blandford Art Hub' (part retrospective)

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It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Carter and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application and supports the change of use of private amenity land to class F2. The Town Council agrees with the applicant’s evidence base, particularly the citing of NPPF section 8 pp 91 and 92 to support the application to deliver community benefits. In addition, the proposal is supported by B+NP policy B8 pp 5.49 and 5.51. The Town Council agrees with the conclusions in the detailed Character Assessment carried out by the applicant, that the single storey, temporary structures, taking up no more than 8% of the Burgage plot, will have no adverse effect on the surrounding conservation area and that there will be no harm to conservation assets in this part of Blandford.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 69.2 P/HOU/2020/00355 – 19th January 2021 – Mr Frampton – 84 Cobham Road – Erect 2 storey rear extension and front porch

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no loss of amenity to neighbouring properties and the extension is in line with the existing building.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

None

72. **TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE DORSET COUNCIL FREE PARKING POLICY**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The Town Council agrees that Cllr Mieville, as Chairman of the Town & General Purposes Committee, will formulate a response on behalf of the Town Council. The response will be circulated to all Councillors before being submitted to the Dorset Council by 19th February 2021.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

73. TO FORM A WORKING GROUP TO RESPOND TO THE DORSET COUNCIL LOCAL PLAN CONSULTATION

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

The Assistant Town Clerk reminded all Councillors to attend the webinars available on the Dorset Council website.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED (14 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council forms a Working Group consisting of Cllrs Clark, Carter, Stayt, Stevens, Mieville, Osborne, Cross, White and Quayle to present a proposed response to the next Planning meeting on 1st March.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

74. TO CONSIDER ADDITIONAL EXPENDITURE AUTHORITY FOR THE SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF AN OUTDOOR TABLE TENNIS TABLE AT LARKSMEAD RECREATION GROUND

The paper was noted (see Appendix E).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (10 in favour, 4 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council wishes to proceed with the project and approves the additional £1,364.60 + VAT, which takes into account the lower grant amount, using the General Reserves budget line (Expenditure Authority: General Power of Competence, Localism Act 2011, S1-8).

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

75. TO CONSIDER SUPPORTING AND TAKING PART IN THE NHS SOCIAL CARE & FRONTLINE WORKER DAY ON 5TH JULY 2021

The paper was noted (see Appendix F).

The Town Council will consider this item at a future meeting, following discussions with other towns in the area at an online meeting late February, to be attended by the Chairman of Council and Town Clerk.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

76. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

76.1 Asset of Community Value – The Dorset Council has decided to list the Blandford Methodist Church Hall including the car park adjacent to the Blandford Methodist Church as an asset of community value. The Blandford Methodist Church itself cannot be listed as an asset of community value, as buildings primarily used for religious worship/observances, do not meet the requirements for listing as an ACV.

76.2 Boundary issue at Lamperd's Field allotment – The Town Clerk spoke about the apparent extension of a boundary at the side of Lamperd's Field allotments where brambles have been

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cleared today. The Operations Manager has written a letter to the resident to obtain clarification and the landowner's agent has been notified.

The meeting closed at 8:17pm.

SIGNED: DATED: