

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd November 2020 at 7:00pm online using Microsoft Teams



PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross
Cllr H White
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr C Jacques

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr J Stayt
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr H Mieville

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Operations Manager

Assistant Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

39. PUBLIC SESSION

- 39.1 Cllr Carter spoke about the trees being removed at Wimborne Road roundabout, which were put in as a boundary and noise buffer for the development in Westbury Way. He would like to know why they were taken down and if a Planning Application will follow. Cllr Quayle confirmed that the Town Council doesn't have much power over this. Both Dorset Councillors are looking into it. Cllr Quayle suggested that, going forward, buffer trees are protected on big developments.
- 39.2 Cllr Quayle spoke about the test patch for the pavement slabs at Sheep Market Hill and reported that this has been completed. He requested that Councillors have a look and feed back to both Dorset Council Councillors, who are also looking for feedback from residents as they would like to progress this project.

40. APOLOGIES

None

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

None had been submitted.

42. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 5TH OCTOBER 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED. These minutes will be signed at the next earliest opportunity.

43. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

- 43.1 P/FUL/2020/00005 – 9th October 2020 – ABW – Archbishop Wake Primary School Black Lane – Installation of a Multi Use Games Area (MUGA) with 4G surface and 3m high mesh fencing to perimeter.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as it is improved facilities for the children, subject to flood risk and health & safety assessments.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 43.2 P/OUT/2020/00026 – 22nd October 2020 – Lewis Wyatt (Construction) Ltd – Land at E 389455 N 108065 North and East of the Blandford Bypass Blandford - Hybrid planning application for the phased development for up to 600 No. dwellings and non-residential uses comprising: Outline planning application (to determine access) to develop land by the erection of up to 433 No. dwellings (Use Class C3), local centre with flexible floorspace including Commercial, Business and Services (Use Class E), Drinking Establishments and hot food takeaways (Use Class Sui Generis) and Local Community (Use Class F2); land for a three-form entry primary school and associated playing pitches (Use Class F1 Learning and non-residential institutions); form public open space, replacement allotments including allotment building, new sports pitches, parking, access, infrastructure, landscaping, and carry out ancillary and site preparation works, including demolition of existing buildings and removal of existing allotments. Full planning application to erect 167 No. dwellings (Use Class C3), form public open space, attenuation basins, parking, access, infrastructure, landscaping, and carry out ancillary and site preparation works.

A discussion was held around the sustainability of the development and the apparent lack of environmentally friendly proposals. Councillors discussed solar panels, electric boilers, and electric vehicle charge points, which are not included in the application. Cllr Lacey-Clarke is not aware of any discussions with the Dorset Council regarding this.

Cllr L Hitchings would like to see more play areas. Cllr Lindsay raised the question about public transport. Cllr Lacey-Clarke is not aware of any discussions with the Dorset Council regarding this either.

Cllr Carter reported that this planning application falls in line with the Neighbourhood Plan this council voted for and discussion should be ongoing throughout this whole process.

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

The Town Council defers the decision and forms a Working Group to discuss the application and associated documents and puts forward a recommendation to the next Town Council meeting on 23rd November 2020. A Doodle Poll will be sent to all Councillors.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

A meeting will be organised with Wyatt Homes once the Working Group has met to discuss any concerns.

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Cllr Stayt left the meeting at 8.15pm.

45. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next meeting is scheduled for 10th November 2020, however there are no items relating to Blandford Forum on the agenda.

46. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO NALC REGARDING THE STANDARDS MATTER 2: PUBLIC CONSULTATION AND PUBLIC SECTOR SURVEY

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, but not SECONDED, and the Proposal to not form a Working Group and for Councillors to respond individually was therefore withdrawn by Cllr Mieville.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Osborne, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (13 in favour ,1 abstention) that

The Town Council agrees to form a Working Group, with a Doodle Poll being sent to all Councillors.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

47. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

47.1 Asset of Community Value (ACV) – Common Lane car park has been removed from the ACV list. The Town Council nominated the car park last year and Dorset Council agreed to add it to the list. However, the owner of the car park objected, and the Dorset Council assessed the nomination again and they believe it does not qualify to be an Asset of Community Value. Please be aware that the ACV legislation does not preclude land/property that has been de-listed as an ACV being re-nominated.

47.2 Water Refill Point – Back in 2019 the Assistant Town Clerk applied for a grant to Wessex Water for a free water refill point. The application was successful, but Wessex Water were not satisfied with the proposed locations of Park Road or Larksmead as they are not central enough. Wessex Water have suggested the Market Place and after a site visit agreed for the location to be outside Scrivens, next to the bicycle racks. Wessex Water will work with the Dorset Council to seek relevant permissions. The agreement would be that Wessex Water maintain and check the installation, BFTC would be responsible for cosmetic checks and to report any faults.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke asked why the Town Pump is not being used as a water Refill Point. Cllr White reported that he believes that the water was disconnected a long time ago and re-introducing it would be cost prohibitive. Cllr Clark believes the pipes are lead and would therefore not be suitable.

The meeting closed at 8:28pm.

SIGNED: DATED: