

**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2022 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange**



**PRESENT**

Cllr R Carter – Chairman  
Cllr L Hitchings – Chairman of Council  
Cllr H Mieville  
Cllr A Cross  
Cllr P Clark  
Cllr H White  
Cllr C Jacques  
Cllr E Bray

Cllr R Holmes – Vice Chairman  
Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman of Council  
Cllr L Lindsay  
Cllr B Quayle  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr P Osborne  
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Town Clerk  
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk

**95. PUBLIC SESSION**

95.1 Cllr Carter spoke about the 'Important Planning concepts' training he attended with Cllr Herbert last week. It was very informative, and he will share what was discussed with Councillors at another meeting.

**96. APOLOGIES**

Cllr K Herbert

**97. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATION**

None had been submitted.

**98. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2022**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr L Hitchings and AGREED (11 in favour, 4 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

The Chairman decide to take agenda items 5.1 and 5.2 together.

99.1 P/ADV/2022/00310 and P/LBC/2022/00534 – 27<sup>th</sup> January 2022 – Colten Care – 38-40 Whitecliffe House White Cliff Mill Street – External alterations to erect two projecting signboards (replace and reposition existing sign) and erect one wall mounted fascia sign.

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

**The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is in keeping with the street scene and there is no significant harm done to the conservation area.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

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

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next Northern Area Planning Committee meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February 2022. No items pertaining to Blandford Forum are on the agenda.

**102. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

102.1 B+ NP Grant – The B+ Monitoring Group has been successful in securing a grant of £2,200 for the review of the Plan. The group will engage with the existing consultant for an initial workshop to talk about possible modifications to the Plan.

102.2 Temporary Road Closure – All vehicles will be prohibited from proceeding along Salisbury Road, from the junction of Kings Road (in both directions), a distance of approximately 80 metres from this point in a south westerly direction. This order will come into operation on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2022 and will remain in force for 18 months, however it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 25<sup>th</sup> February 2022. This order will enable Parchow Groundworks safe access to construct a new foul water connection into existing chamber with new pipe work to be installed. The alternative route, which will be sign posted is as follows: Salisbury Road – A354 – Wimborne Road – East Street – Salisbury Street – Salisbury Road.

Cllr Mieville asked if the Dorset Council considers the impact on neighbouring residents. Cllr Lacey-Clarke confirmed that considerations are always taken, and the situation will be monitored. It is difficult to restrict access to the neighbouring roads and it is hoped that non-residents will not be aware of any short cuts and will therefore take the proposed diversion route.

102.3 The Hive, Kingsway – The Town Council has been notified that the Planning Officer allocated for application 'P/HOU/2021/02996 – Continue use of garage as self-contained annexe' has invited the applicants to submit a full planning application for a self-contained holiday let.

102.4 Orienteering Project – At the Planning meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2022 Councillors resolved to support the second trail, using £1,500 from the Town Maps, Boards and Fingerposts budget line (1020). As this budget line is being used for the purchase of the two new finger posts, the funds will be taken from budget line 1040 Town Improvements.

102.5 Community Governance Review (CGR) – Dorset Council has published the report to Full Council setting out the draft recommendations. Once Dorset Council has resolved the draft recommendations for public consultation on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> February, the Town Council is able to respond to these. This has been added as an agenda item to the Planning Committee meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> March and the information has been shared with all Councillors.

Cllr Lacey-Clarke spoke about the CGR recommendations. Dorset Council confirmed that Cllrs Quayle and Lacey-Clarke are not allowed to vote at Dorset Council level as they already voted at Town Council level.

A straw poll was held and it was requested for Cllr Lacey-Clarke to investigate with the Dorset Council why Bridport was able to have two site visits with the Dorset Council, but Blandford Forum was not, despite having requested a meeting.

**ACTION: CLLR LACEY-CLARKE**

**103. TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTED LAYOUT OPTIONS FOR THE NEW ALLOTMENT LOCATION SUBMITTED BY WYATT HOMES**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED unanimously that

**The Town Council approves the preferred option, selected by the Allotment Society (shown below). Whilst the provisioning of the facilities and allotments now seems to be satisfactory, access proposals – both temporary and permanent – need to be critically appraised and should be reserved.**

*The Allotment Society discussed the various options provided by Wyatt Homes and have decided on the following:*

- **131-DI-105.0 Allotment Layout Plan – Option 3**

*Agreed - It was felt that this layout allowed greater access for the allotment holders.*

- **131-DI-102.0 Allotment Building Floorplan – Option B**

*This is the preferred floor plan option because of the larger capacity lockers, but not the orientation. We would like this flipped so the expanse of roof area will be south facing in order to generate the most power for the future installation of solar panels.*

*In addition, we are keen to include some form of rainwater catchment system.*

*Perhaps Wyatt Homes could redesign the allotment building to accommodate our suggestions.*

- **131-DI-108.0 Proposed Compound Area Plan – Option B**

*Agreed - It was decided the waste area was better sited next to the fence abutting the playing field car park. Hopefully Wyatt homes will be able to redesign the plans taking into account the above requirement.*

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

The meeting closed at 7:36pm.

SIGNED: ..... DATED: .....