

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



PRESENT

Cllr P Clark – Chairman
Cllr L Lindsay – Chairman of Council
Cllr P Osborne
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr J Stayt
Cllr C Jacques
Cllr B Quayle

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr A Cross
Cllr H White
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr R Holmes

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk
Kate Seeger – Blandford Art Hub project

18. PUBLIC SESSION

18.1 Kate Seeger spoke about her previous planning application 2/2020/0713/FUL, Land South Of, 5 Nightingale Court and her disappointment of not attending the previous meeting when it was discussed. The land where she would like to build the Blandford Art project sheds is currently not in use. Ms Seeger has received community support, with a petition of 174 signatures, and the Dorset Council Planning officer is looking if the Town Council supports this project before making a decision. The sheds would fall under permitted development and Ms Seeger is unsure why the Town Council objected to the application. There is a need for Arts in the town and Ms Seeger has funding for the sheds from The National Lottery and the Dorset Council. She is looking for the Town Council's support before submitting another application. Cllr Cross asked about the limited access and Ms Seeger responded that she would have the same access as Nightingale Court. Cllr Stayt commented that this is an unsatisfactory response as art events in the evening would not be able to take place. Ms Seeger responded that users have access to keys. Cllr Holmes enquired if the sheds would stay erected, as the application has been objected to. Ms Seeger responded that she is currently working on a solution, as she has nowhere to put the sheds if they are taken down now.

18.2 Cllr Mieville spoke on behalf of Blandford War on Waste and Clean Up Blandford and thanked the Town Clerk and Market Manager for helping to set up the litter picks on Saturday mornings throughout August. He also thanked all the volunteers attending every week.

19. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council Cllr D Russell

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

Cllr Clark declared an interest in agenda item 6.8. He will sign off from the meeting during discussions and voting.

Cllrs Lacey-Clarke and Quayle declared an interest in agenda item 11. They will take part in the discussion and voting but reserve the right to change their opinion when this is discussed further at the Dorset Council.

21. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22ND JUNE 2020

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED unanimously that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

The Chairman confirmed that these minutes will be signed once we are in a position to do so.

22. TO RETROSPECTIVELY APPROVE APPLICATIONS CONSIDERED BY EMAIL SINCE THE LAST PLANNING MEETING

22.1 2/2020/0923/HOUSE – 28th July 2020 - Mr Dandridge – 13 Gent Close – Erection of two storey rear extension.

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

The Town Council has no objection to this application as there is no loss of amenities to the neighbouring properties, and no overlooking or loss of light.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

23.1 2/2020/0998/ADV – 17th August 2020 – Mr C Gale – M C Truck and Bus Ltd Shaftesbury Lane - Display of 4no. internally illuminated fascia signs and 2no. internally illuminated 1no. non-illuminated entrance/gateway signs.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application due to its location being on an industrial estate.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23.2 2/2020/1008/HOUSE – 17th August 2020 – Mr P Dowling – 96 Downside Close – Erect single storey and two storey rear extensions (demolish conservatory).

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

The Town Council has no objection to the application as this is a large plot with no loss to neighbouring amenities.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23.3 2/2019/1627/REM – 24th August 2020 – Bellway Homes Ltd (Wessex) – Land South West of, Blandford Forum Bypass, Blandford St Mary - Erect 350 No. dwellings with garages, parking and associated infrastructure. (Reserved matters application to determine appearance, landscaping, layout and scale, following grant of Outline Planning Permission No. 2/2015/1935/OUT).

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

The Town Council objects to the application as there will be insufficient green space with a cramped form of development on a prominent ridgeline. The access and speed limit also need to be reviewed.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

23. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT.)

- 23.4 2/2020/1054/HOUSE – 25th August 2020 – Mr & Mrs Sexton – 11 Larksmead - Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey rear extension.

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

The Town Council has no objection to the application as there is no loss of amenities and no loss of light to neighbouring properties.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 23.5 2/2020/1055/HOUSE – 26th August 2020 – Mr & Mrs McIntosh – 3 Parkers Mews, Salisbury Street – Install front and rear dormer windows to create additional accommodation.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objection to the application, subject to the Conservation Officer's approval.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman took the decision to take agenda items 6.6 and 6.7 together.

- 23.6 2/2020/1052/HOUSE and 2/2020/1053/LBC – 27th August 2020 – Mr C Wright – 8D West Street - Install new slate roof and raise ridge line, replace existing rooflights, remove chimney and replace with a metal flue pipe. Relocate staircase and incorporate garage into additional living accommodation and carry out associated internal and external alterations.

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

The Town Council has no objection to the application, but consideration should be given to avoid the metal flue pipe being too visually intrusive.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark left the meeting at 8.12pm.

- 23.7 2/2020/1026/FUL – 1st September 2020 – Mr P Clark – Land South of, 52 Salisbury Street – Demolish storage building and erect 1 No. dwelling.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objection to the application as the proposal will enhance the conservation area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Cllr Clark returned to the meeting at 8.16pm.

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

Cllr Osborne left the meeting at 8.20pm.

A discussion was held about Nordon and the possibility of a bat colony. Cllr Lacey-Clarke commented that the Dorset Council will not pursue another challenge as this planning application was approved over two years ago.

Cllr Osborne returned to the meeting at 8.24pm.

Cllr Holmes reported that there is a bat colony group which can be contacted. Cllr Quayle suggested to write to Dorset Council. It was agreed that Cllr Carter will formulate a letter with assistance from other Councillors.

ACTION: CLLR CARTER

25. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next Northern Area Planning meeting is due to take place on Tuesday 15th September but no applications for Blandford Forum are on the agenda.

Cllrs Jacques and Stayt left the meeting at 8.34pm.

26. TO CONSIDER FORMING A WORKING GROUP TO RESPOND TO THE GOVERNMENT CONSULTATION ‘PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE’

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

The Town Council forms a Working Group to formulate a response, consisting of Cllrs Carter, Mieville and White. The draft response will be brought back to the next Planning meeting on 5th October.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

27. TO RESPOND TO THE DRAFT DORSET COUNCIL STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY 2021-2026

The Town Council will not submit a formal response. Cllr Quayle reported that Councillors can complete the survey individually.

28. TO RESPOND TO THE APPLICATION FOR INCLUSION IN A PHARMACEUTICAL LIST AT 25 SALISBURY STREET IN RESPECT OF DISTANCE SELLING PREMISES BY P & D CARDS LIMITED (EMAIL SENT TO COUNCILLORS ON 21ST AUGUST 2020)

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Holmes, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objection to this application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

29. CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The paper was noted (see Appendix D).

- 29.1. Grant Funding – Blandford + has received an additional grant from Locality of £714. This will cover the Blandford + website cost for one year and printing of leaflets to promote the plan before the referendum.
- 29.2. BCP Local Plan – The representations received on the BCP Local Plan Issues Consultation and the Call for Sites have been published on the BCP Planning web pages.
- 29.3. Road Works – From 5th September a temporary traffic management order will be in place on A350 Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall to enable the Dorset Council to carry out carriageway maintenance and resurfacing works. it is anticipated that the works will be completed by 11th September 2020. The effect of this order is to impose a temporary 10mph speed limit to facilitate convoy working upon Bournemouth Road, Charlton Marshall from Badger Roundabout to a point 200 metres to the south of the junction with Meadow Road, an overall distance of approximately 2670 metres. Clearways, indicated by signs on site, will be imposed on each road to prevent waiting or parking on the highway or verge in these locations.
- 29.4. VE/VJ Day Bench – This bench has now been installed in the Tabernacle. Expenditure authority was approved at the Town Council meeting on 24th February for up to £1,200. However, the production of the bench has come in at £1,620. The difference in cost will still be charged to the same budget line, new benches. The Phoenix bench previously installed at the Tabernacle has been moved to the Town Pump.
- 29.5. Assets of Community Value – The Town Council’s nomination for the Methodist Church is still outstanding as there is an issue with the ownership of the car park, which the Dorset Council solicitors are looking into.
- 29.6 Town Pump – The contractor has erected the scaffolding today and will commence with the work shortly.

The meeting closed at 8:57pm.

SIGNED: DATED: