

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 18th January 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 H Mieville
Cllr C Jacques – arrived at 7.12pm

Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr L Hitchings – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr C Stevens
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr A Cross – arrived at 7.01pm
Cllr J Stayt – arrived at 7.23pm

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk
Nicci Brown – Press

Assistant Town Clerk
Members of the public

56. PUBLIC SESSION

No members of the public requested to speak.

57. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Osborne

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

Cllr Stevens declared an interest in agenda item 5.9 as the applicant is a neighbour. He will not vote on this application.

59. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7TH DECEMBER 2020

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

60. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

60.1 P/HOU/2020/00075 – 1st December 2020 – Mr Soward – 38 St Leonards Avenue – Erect single storey side extension and infill porch

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no negative impact on neighbouring amenities.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

- 60.2 P/FUL/2020/00140 – 2nd December 2020 – Watchtower of Britain – Unit 5a Blandford Heights Industrial Estate Shaftesbury Lane – Erect single storey building for a place of worship, together with associated car parking and landscaped areas

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Clark and AGREED (11 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application, with the caveat that the Dorset Council consider whether or not this is employment land to be retained within their Local Plan.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 60.3 P/FUL/2020/00109 – 4th December 2020 – Sunrise Services & MOT Centre – Unit 15a to 15b Sunrise Business Park – Erection of extension to existing industrial unit

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no loss of amenity to neighbouring units.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 60.4 P/HOU/2020/00176 – 9th December 2020 – Mr & Mrs S Foden – 47 Westbury Way – Erect two storey rear extension (demolish existing conservatory)

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it is not overbearing and there is no loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 60.5 P/FUL/2020/00160 – 10th December 2020 – Mr D Paul – Primrose Villa Alexandra Street – Convert adjoining garage with habitable accommodation above to a two-storey self contained dwelling

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application as it will improve the visual aspect of the neighbourhood within this part of the conservation area (B+NP policy B11). The proposal is in keeping with the main building and there is no loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 60.6 P/HOU/2020/00193 – 14th December 2020 – Benham – 34 Philip Road – Demolish existing garage, rebuild further forward and erect annexe in garden

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, but NOT SECONDED that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

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

60.6 P/HOU/2020/00193 – 14th December 2020 – Benham – 34 Philip Road – Demolish existing garage, rebuild further forward and erect annexe in garden (cont.)

The Town Council objects to the application as it is an overdevelopment of the site and not in keeping with the street scene. It also objects on the grounds of lack of light and loss of amenity to the neighbouring property.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

60.7 P/HOU/2020/00252 – 22nd December 2020 – Mr & Mrs N Bond – Holme Lea 64 Salisbury Road – Erect two storey rear extension (demolish existing conservatory)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (12 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no loss of amenity and no negative impact on the conservation area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

60.8 P/FUL/2020/00097 – 29th December 2020 – Lawsh One Ltd – Larksmead House 101 Salisbury Road – Demolish dwelling and garages and erect 9 No. dwelling with 20 No. parking spaces. Modify existing vehicular access

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Cross, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt but NOT AGREED (2 in favour, 10 against, 2 abstentions) that the Town Council has no objections to the application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council objects to the application. Whilst the Town Council is, in principle, not against redevelopment of this plot, it does object to the cramped form of development, with proposed buildings that are not in keeping with those in the surrounding area.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

60.9 P/HOU/2020/00268 – 4th January 2021 – Mr M Genge – 10 Andrew Close – Erect single storey side extension

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application, as there is no impact on the neighbouring amenity.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The Chairman decided to take agenda item no. 5.10 and 5.11. together.

Cllr Stayt left the meeting at 8.38pm.

60.10 P/LBC/2020/00319 and P/FUL/2020/00318 – 7th January 2021 – Clemdel Ltd – Luton Mews Shorts Lane – Infill of opening in existing wall and carry out all external alterations

60.10 P/LBC/2020/00319 and P/FUL/2020/00318 – 7th January 2021 – Clemdel Ltd – Luton Mews Shorts Lane – Infill of opening in existing wall and carry out all external alterations (cont.)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Jacques and AGREED (5 in favour, 4 against, 4 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application as there is no loss of amenity to neighbouring properties.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

The paper was displayed (see Appendix B).

62. TO RESPOND TO THE DORSET COUNCIL CONSULTATION FOR THE PROPOSED BLANDFORD WASTE MANAGEMENT CENTRE

The paper was displayed (see Appendix C).

Cllr Lacey-Clarke proposed that a small group of Councillors complete the questionnaire after the meeting. It was agreed that Cllrs Clark, Carter, Holmes and Mieville complete the questionnaire.

Post Meeting Note: The response submitted was in favour of the proposed Waste Management Centre.

63. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

The Assistant Town Clerk reported that the next meeting scheduled for Tuesday 19th January has been withdrawn. The next meeting on the calendar is 16th February.

64. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

64.1 Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan – The Dorset Council has had to employ a special counsel to look carefully at the legal challenge. This has taken much longer than anticipated due to the counsel being unfamiliar with the situation, the Neighbourhood Plan documentation being abundant and complex and the Covid-19 crisis. We have been assured that our NP would not be determined by Wyatt's planning application or the determination of the Dorset Local Plan. In the latter, DC has identified the land North East of Blandford Forum as development land with the addition of the Waites piece of land between the proposed Wyatt development and Black Lane. A meeting was held on 6th January, but a further meeting needs to be held and therefore we are still waiting for the Decision Statement from DC.

64.2 Permitted Development Rights Consultation – The proposed response from the Working Group has been shared with all Councillors. The response will be sent to MHCLG on Tuesday 19th January.

64.3 Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation – The consultation went live on 18th January until 15th March. It will be an agenda item on the next Planning meeting on 1st February.

The meeting closed at 8:56pm.

SIGNED: DATED: