

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 4th September 2023 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange



PRESENT

Cllr A Cross – Chairman	Cllr R Carter – Vice Chairman
Cllr C Jacques	Cllr H Mieville – Chairman of Council
Cllr L Lindsay	Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Vice Chairman of Council
Cllr P Clark	Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr H White	Cllr P Osborne
Cllr C Stevens	Cllr B Quayle
Cllr L Hitchings	

IN ATTENDANCE

Operations Manager Nicci Brown	Committee Clerk
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21. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Cross would like to make Councillors aware that a former Hall & Woodhouse colleague is a director of Lawsh Developers who are applicants for the planning application for Larksmead, 101 Salisbury Road. Cllr Lacey-Clarke said as there is no pecuniary interest he is allowed to vote.

Cllr White told councillors that the Stour Valley Band are holding a concert tomorrow at 7pm at Woodhouse Gardens and asked them to spread the word.

22. APOLOGIES

Cllr S Chapman	Cllr K Herbert
Cllr R Holmes	

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

None

24. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 17th JULY 2023

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (10 in favour and 2 abstentions) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

7:05pm – Cllr S Hitchings arrived.

25. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

25.1 [P/HOU/2023/03991](#) – 12 St Leonards Avenue, Blandford Forum, Dorset DT11 7NZ

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 abstention)

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application Blandford + NP policy B1 applies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

25. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS CONT...**

25.2 **P/VOC/2023/03832 – Larksmead House, 101 Salisbury Road, Blandford Forum Dorset DT11 7SW**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr P Osborne and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 against and 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application but would like the neighbours' concerns investigated Blandford + NP policies B1 and B11 applies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

25.3 **P/FUL/2023/04326 - Wilchurch Wimborne Road Blandford Forum DT11 9HL**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross but NOT AGREED (4 in favour, 5 against, 4 abstentions) that the Town Council has no objection to the planning application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Mieville (7 in favour, 4 against, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council objects to the application due to the scale and massing resulting in a visually intrusive development, in view of the Cranborne Chase AONB and an important entry point to the town. The Town Council is also concerned about vehicular entry and egress to the proposed properties into a layby that is often used for parking Blandford + NP policy B1 applies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

25.4 **P/LBC/2023/04398 – 20 The Close, Blandford Forum DT11 7HA**

It was PROPOSED By Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr P Osborne and AGREED (7 in favour, 6 against) that

The Town Council notes the application but offers no comment Blandford + NP Policy B1 applies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

25.5 **P/HOU/2023/04353 – 35 Queens Road. Blandford Forum DT11 7JY**

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

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application Blandford + NP policy B1 and B11 applies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

25.6 **P/TRT/2023/04277 – 14 Fields Oak – Land adjacent Blandford Forum DT11 7PP**

For information only.

25.7 **TPO/2023/0045 – 16 Nursery Road, Blandford Forum DT11 7EZ**

The TPO was noted.

25.8 P/TRC/2023/04715 – 22 Dorset Street, Blandford Forum DT11 7RF

For information only

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

The paper was emailed to Councillors prior to the meeting (Appendix B) and was noted.

27. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

None

28. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

28.1 Blandford+ Modification Review Update – The final version of the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Examiners Report (1st August 2023) has been published on the Blandford+ and Dorset Council websites. [Blandford + Neighbourhood Plan 2011 - 2033 - Dorset Council](#)

28.2 Letter of Concern to Simon Hoare MP – The correspondence was noted.

28.3 Invitation to Community Expo – The Committee Clerk asked Councillors to spread the word and ask businesses to drop in to meet Visit Dorset. Cllr Lacey-Clarke pointed out that a busy trading Saturday was possibly not the best time for businesses to attend. The Committee Clerk agreed but said it was decided that the Community Expo was the most cost-effective way to 'test the water'. It is also a great opportunity for local businesses to put their business on the North Dorset tourism map. If there is enough interest then we will look at hosting a dedicated networking event.

29. TO CONSIDER RESPONDING TO THE DORSET COUNCIL HOUSING STRATEGY CONSULTATION

Councillors confirmed they will respond individually.

The meeting closed at 7:56pm.

SIGNED: DATED: