

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 9th September 2024 at 7:00pm in Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion



PRESENT

Cllr R Holmes – Vice Chairman/Acting Chairman	Cllr M Putt
Cllr S Chapman – Acting Vice Chairman	Cllr C Stevens
Cllr S Hitchings	Cllr B Quayle
Cllr T Clarkson	

IN ATTENDANCE

Town Clerk	Operations Manager
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Cllr Holmes is Acting Chairman in Cllr Cross's absence and Cllr Chapman agreed to support Cllr Holmes as Acting Vice Chairman.

11. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Holmes raised the issue of flyposting on empty shops and throughout the town.

The Town Clerk will clarify the numbers required for meetings to be quorate, regarding the Town Council only having 12 members, checking both the remits and standing orders.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

12. APOLOGIES

Cllr L Hitchings	Cllr H Miéville
Cllr Y Miéville	Cllr N Lacey-Clarke – Chairman of Council
Cllr A Cross – Chairman	

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

None had been submitted, although Cllr S Hitchings noted that he sponsors Blandford United Football Club and will not take part in voting on the Club's application.

14. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 20th MAY 2024

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Putt and AGREED (6 in favour, 1 abstention) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

15. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

15.1 P/LBC/2024/03709 – 22-24 Artisan House East Street

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, B7 Design Code: CA1 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

15.2 P/HOU/2024/04218 – 2 Park Lands

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

15. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (cont.)**

The Town Council has no objections to the application, subject to the neighbour not objecting to the loss of light due to the extension. Blandford + NP policies B10, B12, Design Code: CA1 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

15.3 **P/FUL/2024/04110 – Blandford United Football Club Pavilion Park Road**

Cllr S Hitchings declared an interest as a sponsor of It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stevens, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (6 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

15.4 **P/NMA/2024/04299 – 4 Stickland Court**

The application was noted, because it was for information only.

15.5 **P/VOC/2024/04718 – Larksmead House, 101 Salisbury Road**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Quayle and AGREED (6 in favour, 1 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA4 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

15.6 **P/FUL/2024/04398 – Units 8 & 9 Holland Business Park**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Clarkson and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10 and B3, Design Code: CA5, apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

15.7 **P/TRT/2024/04465 – 29 Fishers Close**

For information only.

15.8 **P/TRC/2024/04479 – 36 Queens Road**

For information only.

15.9 **P/TRC/2024/04810 – 25 Wilverly Gardens**

For information only.

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

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

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

None

18. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

Bicycle Repair Station – The unit arrived on Thursday 29th August and the Operations Manager informed the Dorset Council the same day, because they are being paid to install it. Offcamber agreed to sponsor the unit to the value of £250, and have agreed to offer sessions to show people how to use it. The Town Council's logo has been printed onto a sticker for the side of the unit and Offcamber's will also be displayed. An official opening will be arranged once the Dorset Council has installed it.

Hoarding – The artwork has arrived but the weather has not been dry enough to fix it to the hoarding. It is now planned for Tuesday morning.

External Audit – The external auditor, BDO has confirmed that the Town Council has a clear audit for the 2023/24 period and the Notice of Conclusion of Audit is now on display on the council's website. There was one advisory to review the internal auditor appointment on an annual basis, irrespective of a long-term contract, which has been noted for the March F&S committee agenda.

19. TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED TOWN COUNCIL PLAN FOR THE 2024-2029 PERIOD

The paper was noted (see Appendix C) and the Town Council plan for 2024-2029 was received.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

The meeting closed at 7:37pm.

SIGNED: DATED: