

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 13th October 2025 at 7:00pm in Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion



PRESENT

Cllr A Cross – Chairman
Cllr H Miéville – Chairman of Council
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr G Del-Pinto
Cllr B Quayle

Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chair/Vice Chair of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr T Clarkson
Cllr Y Miéville

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Clerk
Nicci Brown (on Microsoft Teams)

Operations Manager

32. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Lacey-Clarke informed councillors that Dorset Council has extended the deadlines to submit comments regarding the Local Plan Consultation and the Local Travel Plan.

33. APOLOGIES

Cllr S Chapman
Cllr R Holmes

Cllr M Putt
Cllr J Robinson

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

Cllr Lacey-Clarke will abstain from voting on the Methodist Church ACV agenda item due to living in a neighbouring property.

Cllr H Miéville will abstain from voting on the planning application for Land South of Greyhound Square due to a having a relationship with the applicant.

Cllr Cross explained that he will be attending the Northern Area Planning Committee on Tuesday 14th October regarding the proposed Wyatt Homes development.

35. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2025

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Clarkson, SECONDED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke and AGREED (7 in favour, 3 abstentions, 1 non-vote) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

7:07pm – Cllr Lacey-Clarke left the meeting.

36 TO CONSIDER THE NOMINATION RENEWAL OF THE METHODIST CHURCH AS AN ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV) (EXPIRING IN JANUARY 2026)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Clarkson and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Methodist Church nomination should be renewed to keep this as an asset of community value.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

7:08pm – Cllr Lacey-Clarke returned to the meeting.

37. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

37.1 P/FUL/2025/04719– Lot 4 Blandford Brewery, Blandford St. Mary DT11 9LS

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

The Town Council objects to the proposal on the basis of insufficient parking and are saddened that they haven't used the B+ Design Code but do recognise that it is in keeping with the rest of the development. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA1, Built Form Codes 1,2,3,4,6,7,8 & 10 -20 all apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37.2 P/FUL/2025/04457 – J & G Environmental, Industrial Land Holland Enterprise Park , Holland Way

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lacey-Clarke, SECONDED by Cllr Cross and AGREED (9 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA5, Built Form Code 6 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37.3 P/HOU/2025/05223 – 8 Hornbeam Way, Blandford Forum DT11 7FW

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2, Built Form Codes 15 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37.4 P/FUL/2025/02979 – Land South Of 4 Greyhound Square Market Place Blandford Forum

An extension to the deadline was not granted, information sent to Councillors on 10th September 2025 and asked for them to comment individually if they wish to do so.

37.5 P/VOL/025/05568 – 23-25 Market Place, Blandford Forum DT11 7AF

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2, Built Form Codes 15,16,17 & 19 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

37.6 P/FUL/2025/05712 – St. Peter & St. Paul's Church C of E, Church East Street, Blandford Forum DT11 7DL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr L Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr CROSS and AGREED (10 in favour, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policB10, Design Code: CA2, Built Form Codes11, 15,16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

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

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

None

40. **TO RECEIVE THE APPROVED EXTERNAL AUDITOR’S REPORT FOR 2024/2025**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

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

The Town Council approves the report and thanked the staff for their hard work.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

41. **CLERK’S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

Local Plan Consultation – The B+ Monitoring Group has formed a response regarding the local plan consultation and the Town Council working group met on 30th September 2025 and submitted its response.

External Audit – The response from the external auditor was received on 29th September 2025 for the 2024/25 period. The Notice of Conclusion of Audit has since been displayed on the council’s website and on its notice boards.

The meeting closed at 7:27pm.

SIGNED: DATED: