BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 2nd March 2026 at 7:00pm in the Corn Exchange

DRAFT Subject to confirmation

PRESENT

Cllr A Cross – Chairman
Cllr H Miéville – Chairman of Council
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr B Quayle
Cllr Y Miéville
Cllr J Robinson
Cllr S Morgan
Cllr C Stevens – Vice Chairman
Cllr R Holmes
Cllr L Hitchings
Cllr S Chapman
Cllr M Spruce
Cllr G Del-Pinto

IN ATTENDANCE

Operations Manager
Cllr L Hitchings (via Microsoft Teams)
Committee Clerk
Nicci Brown (via Microsoft Teams)

58. PUBLIC SESSION

Cllr Y Miéville expressed her concerns regarding drivers overtaking lines of traffic on Heddington Drive, turning onto Salisbury Road creating very dangerous conditions, particularly for Castleman House residents and visitors. Cllr Y Miéville mentioned that she witnessed a car turning left onto Park Road which is currently not open to traffic. Cllr Quayle explained that he has taken this complaint to Highways in the past, he is meeting with the Highways Officer later this week and will discuss these concerns. Cllr Holmes asked Cllr Quayle to mention that she feels there is an issue with similar incidents on Holland Way.

Cllr H Miéville met with Dorset Police last week, they explained they are seeing a reduction in anti-social behaviour, Cllr Mieville will write up a report and circulate it to councillors.

59. APOLOGIES

Cllr T Clarkson
Cllr N Lacey-Clarke
Cllr M Putt
Cllr L Hitchings (in attendance via Teams)

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

Cllr Stevens declared an interest in agenda items 4, 7 and 8 of Appendix A and will refrain from voting on these items.

61. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 2nd FEBRUARY 2026

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr H Miéville and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 abstentions/non-votes) that the Minutes be APPROVED and SIGNED.

62. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

62.1 P/HOU/2026/00622 – 9 Castleman-Smith Close Blandford Forum DT11 7XN

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Codes 9, 15. 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

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

62.2 P/HOU/2026/00733 – Culverden Wimborne Road Blandford Forum DT11 9HL

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10 & B11, Design Code: CA4 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.3 P/HOU/2026/00737 – Aga Dale Rosebank Lane Blandford Forum DT11 7SR

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Y Miéville, SECONDED by Cllr Robinson and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA4 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.4 P/HOU/2026/00474 – 10 Andrew Close Blandford Forum DT11 7PG

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Y Miéville, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (6 in favour, 2 against, 4 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA4 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.5 P/HOU/2026/00782 – 27 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Forum DT11 7BQ

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.6 P/LBC/2026/00783 – 27 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Forum DT11 7BQ

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.7 P/FUL/2026/00760 – 26-28 Bastard House Market Place Blandford Forum DT11 7EB

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Y Miéville and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.8 P/LBC/2026/00761 –26-28 Bastard House Market Place Blandford Forum DT11 7EB

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Chapman, SECONDED by Cllr Y Miéville and AGREED (10 in favour, 2 abstentions) that

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.9 P/CLP/2026/00735 – Melbury St Leonards Avenue Blandford Forum DT11 7PD

The above Certificate of Lawful Use Proposed has been received and councillors were notified for information purposes only.

62.10 P/PACD/2026/00873 – Roman Glass 8 -10 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Forum DT11 7BE

The above application has been received and councillors were notified for information purposes.

62.11 P/HOU/2026/00943 – 121 Salisbury Road Blandford Forum DT11 7SW

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

The Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA4 and Built Form Code: Codes 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

62.12 P/TRC/2026/00921 5-8 Damory Court – For Information Only

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

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

64. SITE VISITS/DORSET COUNCIL PLANNING MEETINGS

None

65. CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

B+ Monitoring Group Update – A letter was sent to Simon Hoare MP on 23rd February 2026 on behalf of the Blandford+ Neighbourhood Plan Monitoring Group to seek his support to ensure that **all** S106 collected for primary health care in the Blandford+ areas (and surrounding villages using the town as their hub) is ring-fenced for primary health provision in the Blandford area.

Comedy Night – The comedy night went well and £879.50 was taken on the bar.

Tile Sponsorship Scheme – The tile sponsorship scheme has now closed. It went very well and just under £3,500 was received from donations. The Town Clerk is now compiling a book of the sponsors including a history of the tiles and photos throughout the works.

Recycling – The Operations Manager has placed an order with Dorset Council for monthly glass and recycling collections totalling a combined cost of £201.37. This is due to the amount of glass and cans we are using at Corn Exchange events. Not wanting to hold bins in the Shambles, arrangements have been made for the bins to be located at Woodhouse Gardens.

The meeting closed at 7:50pm.

SIGNED: …… DATED: ……