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BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Planning Committee

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MINUTES

Held on:	Monday, 18 May 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Corn Exchange
Members Present:	Cllr A Cross (Chairman), Cllr N Lacey-Clarke (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Hitchings, Cllr H Miéville, Cllr L Hitchings, Cllr C Stevens, Cllr B Quale, Cllr R Holmes, Cllr S Chapman, Cllr T Clarkson, Cllr Y Miéville, Cllr M Putt, Cllr G Del-Pinto, Cllr S Morgan, Cllr M Spruce
Absent:	Cllr J Robinson
Officers Present:	Committee Clerk, Operations Manager
In attendance:	Press (0), Members of the public (1).

P1.1 Public Session

Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern, the following matters were raised.

- a. **Twinning** - Councillors received a report of the recent visit from our twinning town of Mortain in France and thanked fellow councillors that attended the events over the weekend. It was a huge success.
- b. **Mayor Making** – The outgoing Mayor Cllr Miéville thanked council staff for their efforts at the Mayor Making ceremony last week which was very well organised and executed.

P1.2 Apologies

- a. It was **RESOLVED** to accept apologies for absence from Cllr Robinson due to a conflicting business engagement.

ACTION: MAYORS ASSISTANT

P1.3 Declarations of Interest

- a. There were no declarations made and no dispensations had been received.

P1.4 Minutes

- a. Minutes of the previous Planning Committee were received and it was **RESOLVED** (11 in favour, 4 abstentions) that the minutes of Monday, 02 March 2026 be approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken.

ACTION: CLLR STEVENS

P1.5 Appendix A – New Planning Applications

- a. Officer report P1.5 (Appendix A) was received and it was **RESOLVED** to submit the following planning application responses to the Planning authority.

Application No & Address	Application Detail	Resolution
P/HOU/2026/01518	Erect extension, replace existing	AGREED unanimously that the Town Council has no objections to the

Initial: .

9 Park Lands Blandford Forum DT11 7BA	garage door with wall, window and door	application. Blandford + NP policies B10, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Code 11, 15, 16 & 17 apply.
P/LBC/2026/02189 25 White Cliff Mill Street Blandford Forum DT11 7BQ	Replace French doors.	AGREED unanimously that the Town Council has no objections to the application. Blandford + NP policies B10 & B11, Design Code: CA2 and Built Form Code: Code 15 & 17 apply.

ACTION: COMMITTEE CLERK

P1.6 Dorset Council Decisions on Planning Applications and Applications Awaiting Decisions

- a. Officer report Appendix B was received and noted.

P1.7 Site Visits/Dorset Council Planning Meetings

- a. Officers informed Councillors that there were no visits scheduled

P1.8 Ward Boundaries

- a. Officer report P1.8 Appendix C was received regarding a recommendation from the working group on Dorset Council’s consultation on ward boundaries. It was **AGREED** (10 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions) that The Town Council believe that the current arrangements are adequate at the present time. However, the Council notes that the development North of the by-pass may give rise to future reflection on whether to have two wards in Blandford, one to the North and one to the South. Councillors wish to discuss the town boundaries further at a future town council meeting.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 7:29PM

These minutes will be considered for approval at the next meeting of the Planning Committee and, if approved, will be signed and dated by the Chair of that meeting.

Signed: _____ Date: _____