



BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

A Meeting of the Town Council

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MINUTES

Held on:	Monday, 22 June 2026 at 7:00 pm in the Corn Exchange
Summoned:	All Councillors; C Stevens (Chairman), Y Mièville (Vice Chairman), S Hitchings, H Mièville, L Hitchings, N Lacey-Clarke, R Holmes, T Clarkson, M Putt, G Del-Pinto, S Morgan, M Spruce
Absent:	B Quayle, A Cross, S Chapman, J Robinson
Officers Present:	Town Clerk, Committee Clerk
In attendance:	Press (0), Members of the public (2).

TC2.1 Public Session

- a. 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.
- **Glyphosates** – concern that it is still being used by Dorset Council in Blandford when Blandford Town Council has resolved to stop using it.
 - **Takeaway Rubbish** – Concern that takeaway rubbish is being left in the market place.

TC2.2 Apologies

- a. Officer report TC2.2 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) to

Accept apologies for absence from Cllrs Chapman, Robinson and Quayle due to a personal conflicting engagement, and Cllr Cross due to ill health.

ACTION: MAYOR'S ASSISTANT

TC2.3 Declarations of Interest

- a. Officer report TC2.3 was received, all councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted and it was **NOTED** there were no interests declared.

TC2.4 Minutes

- a. Officer report TC2.4 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (unanimously) that

The minutes of Tuesday, 05 May 2026 be approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken with one amendment to insert the word "Deputy" at 1.2.1 before "Town Mayor".

TC2.5 Officer Report to the Committee

- a. Officer report TC2.5 was received and **NOTED**. DCllr Lacey-Clarke provided a verbal report.

TC2.6 Annual Governance and Accountability Return (AGAR)

- a. Officer report TC2.6 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (unanimously, except the Annual Governance Statement where there was one abstention) to

Confirm that the accounting statements (AGAR section 2) had been signed by the RFO

Initial:

Adopt the Annual Internal Audit Report 2025-26

Complete each statement and approve the Annual Governance Statement (AGAR section 1

Approve the Accounting Statements (AGAR Section 2) and Annual Accounts

Confirm the Clerk and the Chair of the meeting have signed the Annual Governance Statement

Confirm that the Chair has signed the Accounting Statements (AGAR sections 1 and 2)

Confirm the period for the exercise of public rights as 26th June 2026 to 6th August 2026

Confirm change of details for new Clerk.

ACTION: RESPONSIBLE FINANCIAL OFFICER

TC2.7 Street Name Proposal

- a. Officer report TC2.7 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (11 in favour, 1 abstention) to

Submit "Phoenix Road" to Dorset Council as the proposed name for the road serving the new Household Recycling Centre, in reference to the Great Fire of Blandford and symbolising renewal by giving old things new life.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- b. It was **PROPOSED** to submit a reserve name of Hammetts Way, this motion fell (4 in favour, 6 against, 2 abstentions).

TC2.8 Allotments Request

- a. Officer report TC2.9 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (11 in favour, 1 abstention) that

Blandford Allotment Society be permitted to pay the rent by monthly instalments in arrears over 12 months and that the Association are invited to apply for a grant for the equivalent of 1 year's rent.

ACTION: MAYORS ASSISTANT

TC2.9 IT Policy

- a. Officer report TC2.8 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (7 in favour, 2 against, 3 abstentions) to

To adopt the Dorchester Town Council IT Policy, adjusted for Blandford Forum Town Council.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

TC2.10 Tourism Data

- a. Officer report TC2.10 was received and it was **RESOLVED** (8 in favour, 2 against, 2 abstentions) to

Commission the Blandford Forum Tourism Data from Visit Dorset at a cost of £230

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 8:30pm

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____