

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting

Held on Monday 19 July 2010



PRESENT

Cllr R J Holmes – Chairman (Vice Chairman of Council)	Cllr B Brannigan– Vice Chairman
Cllr M Owen –Vice Chairman/Tree Officer	Cllr E Butler (Chairman of Council)
Cllr H Galpin	Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr S Hixson Andrews (late arrival)	Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr J Stayt	Cllr A Pemberton
Cllr F West	Cllr H White
Cllr S Loch	Cllr I Rose
Cllr H Lawson	

IN ATTENDANCE

Assistant Town Clerk

22. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public in attendance.

Cllr White asked that a meeting is held between the Town Council and NDDC regarding future housing developments in Blandford Forum.

Cllr Hitchings updated Members on the Blandford Leisure Centre Action Group, the general finances of the Leisure Centre, and the free swim scheme, taking into account the affects of the recent change in Government. Cllr Lindsay commented that many of those who took the opportunity of the free swimming in the last year are continuing with this activity even though it is no longer free.

23. APOLOGIES

Cllr P Randall

24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillors were reminded of their obligations to declare orally their interests as per the Parish Councils Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 Number 1159.

25. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING held on 14 June 2010

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Loch, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (13 in favour, 1 abstention) that the MINUTES are APPROVED and SIGNED.

7.11pm – Cllr Hixson Andrews arrived

26. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

26. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT)**

- 26.1 2/2010/0583 – 22 June 10 – Ms Craddock – Land to the south of Deer Park Holm – Erect 1 dwelling with integral garage

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Hixson Andrews and AGREED (8 in favour, 7 against) that

The Town Council has no objection to the planning application for the house although there were concerns about the access to the site, the loss of trees and Members strongly request that the anti-tank defences are retained.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 26.2 2/2010/0593 – 23 June 10 – Mrs Lillington – 19 Tudor Gardens – Erect rear conservatory

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Loch, SECONDED by Cllr Owen and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 26.3 2/2010/0599 – 23 June 10 – Mrs Richardson – 31 Downside Close – Erect 1 single storey rear extension

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Owen, SECONDED by Cllr Hixson Andrews and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 26.4 2/2010/0594 – 24 June 10 – Mr Sears – 34 Orchard Street – Replace existing front door, frame and fanlight and carry out internal and external alterations in association with this

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr West and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the application subject to the Conservation Officer's approval.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 26.5 2/2010/0613 – 28 June 10 – Mr Stickley – 22 Fishers Close – Erect 1 single storey extension, rear conservatory and carport (demolish existing garage)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

- 26.6 2/2010/0526 – 5 July 10 – Mr Wilkins – 22 Nursery Road – Install 2 dormer windows (form French doors with Juliet balcony and 2 roof lights)

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Owen, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (13 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objection to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

26. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT)**

26.7 **2/2010/0647 – 5 July 10 – Mr Peniston – Nelsons Ale House, 77 Salisbury Street – Erect a smoking shelter in the garden of the public house (retrospective)**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Butler, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (14 in favour, 1 against) that

The Town Council OBJECTS on the grounds that the ‘smoking shelter’ is mostly enclosed creating an outdoor room more than a smoking shelter, appears to be damaging the wall it is attached to and is an unsightly structure in a conservation area. The Town Council therefore requests that the application be referred to the Development Control Committee.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

26.8 **2/2010/0662 – 7 July 10 – J Chester – Rivers House, Sunrise Business Park – Station two storey portacabin for use as office accommodation**

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Owen, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council has no objection to the application.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

26.9 **2/2010/0586 – 25 June 10 – DCC – The Beeches, Heddington Drive – Two storey 16 bed residential care home for people with complex needs**

Cllr Hitchings declared a personal interest as a Member of North Dorset District Council.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Rose and SECONDED by Cllr Owen that the Town Council has no objection to the application.

However, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Butler, SECONDED by Cllr Lawson and AGREED (11 in favour, 4 against) that an AMENDMENT is made to the original proposal that

The Town Council requests that the footpath alongside the site and Fairfield Bungalows is improved using s106 monies.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr Butler, SECONDED by Cllr White and AGREED (13 in favour, 2 against) that

The Town Council has no objection to the application and requests that the footpath alongside the site and Fairfield Bungalows is significantly improved using s106 monies.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

Members asked for details from DCC regarding the relocation of the existing tenants and suggested that the small area of NDDC land is acquired to complete the site. There was also support for the pedestrian crossing to be reconsidered by DCC.

27. **APPENDIX B – NDDC DECISIONS ON PLANNING APPLICATIONS & APPLICATIONS AWAITING DECISIONS**

The paper was tabled (see Appendix B) and Members asked for more information regarding NDDC’s refusal of the application to replace the front windows and door for 35 Salisbury Street.

28. **NOTIFICATION OF INTENT TO CARRY OUT WORKS TO TREES (REPORT FROM TREE OFFICER)**

28.1 Maidment House, St Leonards House 1428/TPO/SLW/10

Sycamore – Remove one forked lateral branch over the neighbour’s property. Remove two small branches encroaching towards Maidment House.

The Tree Officer had no objections.

28.2 Chelston, Alfred Street 1431/CA/SLW/10

Thuja – Die back remove all branches leaving stem approximately 50% of total height.

The Tree Officer had no objections.

28.3 16 Holland Way 1435/TPO/SLW/10

Lime – Crown clean and crown thin by approximately 20%.

The Tree Officer had no objections.

28.4 10 Damory Court 1444/CA/SLW/10

Conifer – Reduce in height by up to 1/3.

The Tree Officer objects to the reducing of the height of the conifer as it is already a very small conifer.

Holm Oak – Crown lift to comply with statutory highways height over road and footpath.

The Tree Officer had no objections.

28.5 Little Summerhill, Milldown Road 1445/CA/SLW/10

Eucalyptus – Crown reduce all over to approximately 50%.

Silver Birch – Crown reduce by approximately one third.

The Tree Officer had no objections.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Butler, SECONDED by Cllr Loch and AGREED unanimously that

The Town Council accepts the Tree Officer’s recommendations.

29. **SITE VISITS/NDDC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETINGS**

None

30. **TO CONSIDER AND APPROVE THE PLANS AND COST IMPLICATIONS FOR THE REDEVELOPMENT OF THE TABERNACLE PUBLIC TOILET**

As the information had not yet been received, this item was deferred to a future meeting.

31. **TO CONSIDER FORMING A WORKING GROUP WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO THE HM COURTS SERVICE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF COURTS IN DORSET, IN PARTICULAR BLANDFORD MAGISTRATES’ COURT**

The paper was noted (see Appendix C).

31. **TO CONSIDER FORMING A WORKING GROUP WITH DELEGATED AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO THE HM COURTS SERVICE CONSULTATION ON THE PROPOSED CLOSURE OF COURTS IN DORSET, IN PARTICULAR BLANDFORD MAGISTRATES' COURT (CONT)**

The Town Council has been asked if it wishes to comment in respect of the proposed closure of courts in Dorset. NDDC's Policy Review Committee will be holding a meeting to consider the proposals on Wednesday 4 August 2010 at 10am and have extended an invitation to the Town Council to send a representative.

Cllr Owen, who has been a Justice of the Peace for 15 years, recalled that the courts in Gillingham, Sherborne, Wareham and Bridport have all been closed during his service and fears that all court provision in Dorset will soon be along the coast. He said that although it would be possible to use 17 courts a day there are just 7 prosecutors a day and the court utilisation across Dorset is only 38%. It is therefore extremely hard to justify the continuation of the Blandford court, even though the Town Council does not wish to see any closure of local facilities.

Members felt that transport to the remaining courts must be provided if the courts in Blandford and Wimborne close as it is currently difficult to take public transport from Blandford to Weymouth or Bournemouth/Poole. Members also commented that disabled access must be provided in the courts remaining open.

In view of the above comments, it was agreed that a Working Group is not formed on this occasion but the Town Council's comments are passed to NDDC's Policy Review Committee.

ACTION: TOWN CLERK

32. **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE**

32.1 Blandford Yuletide Festival – A proposed street closure order has been received to close the road for the purposes of the Blandford Yuletide Festival on Wednesday 15 December 2010.

32.2 DCC Traffic Regulation Orders

DCC proposes to make an amendment order to various sections of roads, as listed below, and has asked the Town Council to make the papers available for inspection by any interested persons. Members were informed that the paperwork is at reception detailing the proposals.

1. Replace a short length of 'no waiting between 9.00am and 6.00pm' restriction with 'no waiting at any time' on the western side of the junction of Dorset Street and The Close.
2. Replace the '30 minute limited wait, no return within 30 minutes, 9.00am to 6.00pm' with '30 minute limited wait, no return within one hour, 9.00am to 6.00pm' on East Street west of Common Lane.
3. Extend the 'double yellow' waiting restriction in Salisbury Road south-west of Salisbury Crescent.
4. Introduce a 'double yellow' waiting restriction at Blandford Heights Industrial Estate, Hanover Court and The Mount.
5. Introduce a 'no waiting between 8.00am and 5.00pm, Monday to Friday' waiting restriction in Bayfran Way and Black Lane.
6. Redefine various items to match the definition in the Order with what is on the ground.

The meeting closed at 8.24 p.m.

SIGNED:..... DATED: