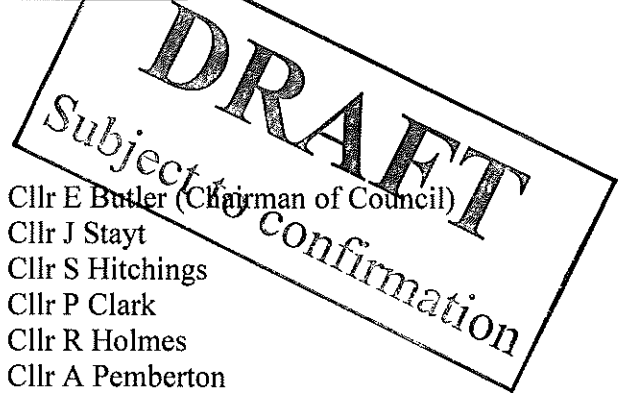


**BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL**

**Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting**  
**Held on Monday 19 December 2011**



**PRESENT**

Cllr S Hixson Andrews (Chairman)  
Cllr L Lindsay (Acting Vice Chairman)  
Cllr T Harrocks  
Cllr H White  
Cllr H Mieville  
Cllr R Carter  
Cllr S Loch

Cllr E Butler (Chairman of Council)  
Cllr J Stayt  
Cllr S Hitchings  
Cllr P Clark  
Cllr R Holmes  
Cllr A Pemberton

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Committee Clerk

District Cllr J E T Tanner

As there was no Vice Chairman present, Cllr Lindsay was invited to take the position for the meeting and this was unanimously agreed.

**70. PUBLIC SESSION**

Mr Guest spoke against the development at Salisbury Crescent as he is concerned that if the proposed access is permitted, it is likely to lead to additional development in the future. The site had previously been a well-tended garden which had been ripped out and the area allowed to fall into a state of disrepair.

Cllr Tanner also spoke against the development at Salisbury Crescent, reiterating that the area noted in the planning statement as scrubland is in fact garden. The original application was refused on the grounds of insufficient access. The application is not in keeping with any other properties in the area and is out of proportion with the surroundings.

7.05 - Cllr Loch arrived.

Cllr Tanner reported that there are bats inhabiting an old oak tree on the site, which has a TPO on it and the houses in the crescent were not built in the 1960s as was said in the planning statement. Such a development would destroy the coherence of the close in addition to affecting the properties in Nordon Road by being over bearing.

7.07 - Cllr Tanner left the meeting.

Cllr Harrocks reported that he had attended the Dorset Health Scrutiny Committee meeting. Amongst other topics, the likely reduction in the services at the Community Hospital was discussed. The minutes will be held in the Town Council office for public record.

**71. APOLOGIES**

Cllr R Brannigan  
Cllr H Galpin

Cllr M Owen

72. **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.

73. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD 14 NOVEMBER 2011**

Public session should read Cllr Harrocks and not Cllr Galpin.

With this amendment, it was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (10 in favour, 3 abstentions) that the minutes are APPROVED and SIGNED.

74. **APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

The paper was noted (see Appendix A).

Cllr Butler declared her intention to take part in discussions and vote on new planning applications at Town Council on the understanding that her decisions are based on the information available at this time and that she reserves the right to change those decisions when the applications are discussed at North Dorset District Council.

As the public were in attendance to hear the Salisbury Crescent application discussed, the Chairman proposed that this application was brought forward.

74.1 **2/2011/1345 – 24 Nov - Mr Treversham - Land at 14 and 15, Salisbury Crescent Develop the land by the erection of 1 dwelling with associated parking, 2 garages and form new vehicular and pedestrian access (outline application to determine access).**

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

**The Town Council OBJECTS to this application on the grounds of the insufficient and sub-standard access to the development between 14 and 15 Salisbury Crescent, which is still not suitable for the additional vehicular traffic the development will produce. Furthermore, this kind of backland development will destroy the character of the post-war development of Salisbury Crescent. In addition, it is understood that there is a bat colony inhabiting the site and the large oak tree carries a TPO and any development of the area will disturb both the bats and the roots of the tree.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

74.2 **2/2011/1312 – 15 Nov - Mrs Holt - Flat 4, Ashtree House, 49 Salisbury Street Raise floor level to existing wc/shower, form internal entrance to flat and carry out alterations and improvements internally.**

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

**The Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

74.3 2/2011/1372 – 28 Nov - Miss Moore - 5 Lane Close Erect single storey extension (retrospective).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt and SECONDED by Cllr Pemberton that there is no objection to this application.

It was then PROPOSED by Cllr White, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (8 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstention) that this is amended to include the phrase “we are appalled that yet another retrospective application is allowed”.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Stayt, SECONDED by Cllr Pemberton and AGREED unanimously that

**The Town Council has no objection to this application but is appalled that, once again, a retrospective planning application is permitted.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

74.4 2/2011/1378 – 29 Nov - Miss Costello - 8 Tabernacle Walk Change of use from Class A1 to Letting Agent (Class A2)

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

**The Town Council has no objection to this application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Clark declared a personal and prejudicial interest – agenda items 74.5 – 74.7 – due to shortly undertaking work on the building and did not take part in the voting.

74.5 2/2011/1374 – 30 Nov - Lloyds TSB - Lloyds TSB, 6 Market Place Remove 4 external air conditioning units. Install 9 air conditioning units, ventilation grille and extract fan (part retrospective).

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objection to this application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

74.6 2/2011/1376 – 30 Nov - Lloyds TSB - Lloyds TSB, 6 Market Place Remove 4 external air conditioning units. Install 9 air conditioning units, ventilation grille and extract fan and carry out internal and external alterations in association with this.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Carter, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

**The Town Council has no objection to this application.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

74.7 2/2011/1412 – 8 Dec - Lloyds TSB - Lloyds TSB, 6 Market Place Discharge condition 4 – Repairs / replacement joinery following listed building consent 2/2011 1091

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Mieville, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt and AGREED (12 in favour, 1 non-vote) that

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

The Town Council has no objection to this application, subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

74.8 **2/2011/1420 – 9 Dec - Mr Coles 4 River Mews Erect 1 single storey extension and install 1 roof light (demolish existing conservatory and remove balcony).**

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

The Town Council has no objection to this application.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

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

The paper was noted (see Appendix B).

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

The Tree Officer was unable to attend the meeting and the Chairman read out his report in his absence.

76.1 **19 Fields Oak**  
Maple – Fell

The tree is very close to the boundary wall and blocks a fire escape route along the back gardens. It is a very large tree and the Tree Officer would recommend no objection.

76.2 **Eagle House Gardens**  
Elder – Crown lift branches to give 1 2m clearance of garage roof.  
Sumac – Fell 2 stems of tree.

The tree is overhanging a garage and touching the roof. The Tree Officer would recommend no objection.

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

The Town Council supports the Tree Officer's recommendations.

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Pemberton asked if the Tree Officer could find out why the oak tree by the post office had been cut down, seemingly with no permissions being sought or given.

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

None.

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

78.1 Planning training for Councillors – Shaftesbury, Sturminster Newton and Gillingham have requested planning training for their councillors from NDDC in view of all the recent changes and NDDC is offering the same training to BFTC. The topics to be covered will be Policy (localism, neighbourhood plans), Conservation (listed buildings, conservation areas, tree works) and Development Control. Councillors confirmed that they would like to attend on the 6<sup>th</sup> February 2012 and details should be included in the next Councillors Update.

78.2 Former Gas Works amended application - Cllr Brannigan had reviewed the application and reported that, in his opinion, they were not substantial enough to warrant a revision of the Council's decision. There are three main amendments: the addition of two windows to the side of one house, internal amendments to another and further landscaping at the road entrance.

**79. TO RECEIVE THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE RECREATION & AMENITIES COMMITTEE WORKING GROUP AND TO CONSIDER EXPENDITURE APPROVAL FOR WORKS TO THE CORN EXCHANGE KITCHEN**

The Committee Working Group, consisting of Cllrs Mievile, Clark, Harrocks and Butler, (Cllr Hitchings was also in attendance) met last week and it was agreed that, as the building is due to be updated, it would not be worthwhile spending a large sum of money on the kitchen at this stage. The Committee recommended that the existing work surface that the urn rests on is replaced with a like for like work surface although using a colour other than white.

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

**The Town Council accept the recommendation of the working group by proceeding with Option A at a cost of £320 + VAT using funds from the PPM budget (Local Government Act 1972 S111).**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

**80. TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FROM THE PROJECT COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER FOR ASDA/PDPL FOR COUNCILLORS TO WRITE TO NDDC'S DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE REQUESTING A DEFERRAL OF THE TESCO PLANNING APPLICATION SO IT CAN BE CONSIDERED AT THE SAME TIME AS ASDA'S**

Cllr Butler declared a personal interest as a member of the Development Control Meeting.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Loch, SECONDED by Cllr Holmes and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 against, and 1 non-vote) that

**Following representations from constituents, the Town Council strongly feels that both the Tesco and Asda applications should be considered at the same time. As the applications would both represent a major change to the community it would seem appropriate that they are considered simultaneously.**

**ACTION: TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Stayt will attend the meeting as a representative of the Town Council.

The meeting closed at 8.09 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATED: .....