

BLANDFORD FORUM TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of Town Council Planning Meeting
Held on Monday 25 July 2011



PRESENT

Cllr R Brannigan – Chairman
Cllr E Butler (Chairman of Council)
Cllr L Lindsay
Cllr H Mieville
Cllr F West
Cllr H White

Cllr M Owen – Vice Chairman
Cllr S Loch
Cllr S Hitchings
Cllr J Stayt
Cllr H Galpin
Cllr T Harrocks

IN ATTENDANCE

Committee Clerk

23. PUBLIC SESSION

- 23.1 Digital Planning - Cllr White reported that NDDC have stated planning applications will be going digital in October after which hard copies will be dispensed with very quickly although this has yet to be confirmed.
- 23.2 Cllr Butler showed members the picture presented by Mortain and reported that a letter of thanks will be sent.

24. APOLOGIES

Cllr S Hixson-Andrews
Cllr A Pemberton

Cllr R Carter
Cllr R Holmes

25. 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.

26. MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING HELD 13 JUNE 2011

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hitchings, SECONDED by Cllr Stayt 8 in favour, 4 abstentions.

27. APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The paper was noted (see Appendix A) and Cllr Butler declared her intention to take part in discussions and vote on new planning applications at Town Council on the understanding that her decision is 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.

Cllr Hitchings and Loch declared personal interests as they are both governors of Archbishop Wake School.

The chairman informed the meeting that application Serials 5 and 6 noted in Agenda Annex A have not been processed to date by NDDC and therefore would not be considered at this meeting.

APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT)

- 27.1 2/2011/0653 – 15 June 11 – Persimmons - Land off Wimborne Road Erect 77 dwellings, together with associated highways access, public open space, parking, landscaping and footway link to Black Lane.

The number of affordable houses on this site is not yet known but it is thought that none of the 4-bedroom properties will be affordable / social. As registered social landlords can charge up to 80% of the local market value for rent it would make 4 bed affordable / social houses beyond the means of many people.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Hitchings and SECONDED by Cllr Owen but not agreed (4 in favour, 7 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council will take over the upkeep of the open space and open negotiations with Persimmons with regard to the provision of monies to maintain it.

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

The Town Council has no objections to the development in principle, subject to:

A footpath being provided from the proposed exit of the site to the existing school footpath along the East side of Black Lane and the provision of traffic calming measures in front of the school.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Lindsay and SECONDED by Cllr West and AGREED (8 in favour, 3 against, 1 abstention) that

The Town Council does not take on the open space and follows the recommendation of the Project Manager allowing the developer and the planning authority to manage the space via a private management company.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

- 27.2 2/2011/0672 – 20 June 11 - Mr Fox - Unit 50, Sunrise Business Park Erect 3 industrial units and form 15 parking spaces (retain 4 existing parking spaces).

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

The Town Council has no objections to this application.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

- 27.3 2/2011/0684 – 22 June 11 - Mr Mrs Bessant - 26 Lockeridge Close Erect 1 two storey extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to this application.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

APPENDIX A – NEW PLANNING APPLICATIONS (CONT)

27.4 2/2011/0753 – 8 July 11 - Mr Peplow - 1 Oak View Erect single storey rear extension.

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

The Town Council has no objections to this application.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

27.5 2/2011/0812 – 6 Jul 11 - Dorset Lettings - 4 West Street Change of use from A1 Sports shop to A2 letting agents.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Loch, SECONDED by Cllr West and AGREED (11 in favour, 1 against) that

The Town Council has no objections to this application.

ACTION: CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

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

The paper was tabled (see Appendix B).

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

28.1 9 Damory Street
Willow - Fell

The Tree Officer had no objections to the application.

The following notification had been received after the agenda had been circulated, because it was a report and recommendations from the Tree Officer, the Committee agreed to look at this application.

28.2 Alexandra Court, Oakfield Street
Plane – Crown lift by up to 2.5m above ground level over footpath and 5.2m over road
1x Plane – Crown lift to up to 4m above ground level
2 x lime – Crown lift to up to 4m above ground level

The Tree Officer recommended that the T1 proposal to crown lift the plane tree to the front of the property should be refused as work had been carried out on the tree recently and, in his opinion, no further work was necessary. The Tree Officer had no objections to the application for work on the T2 trees to the rear of the property.

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

The Town Council supports the Tree Officer's recommendations.

ACTION: : CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL

29. SITE VISITS/NDDC DEVELOPMENT CONTROL MEETINGS

The Chairman reported having received notification that the application for Woodcroft, Queens Road, Blandford Forum will be considered by NDDC on 2 August 2011 at 10am. Cllr Stayt will attend on behalf of the Town Council.

30. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT & CORRESPONDENCE

- 30.1 Bryanston Park Preservation Group – the Town Council has received a copy of their letter sent to the Crown Estate, reiterating their comments that they totally reject the views of the Estate and will now lobby non-Blandford NDDC elected councillors. To build the 200 houses will increase traffic congestion within the town and affect the bats, otters and other wildlife in the area. In addition, the new houses are likely to be affected by flood water and, being visible from the bridge will have a detrimental effect of the iconic setting of Blandford.

Next planning meeting will be on 5 September 2011.

The meeting closed at 8:12 pm.

SIGNED:..... DATED: