

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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There is a meeting of the **Annual Town Council** which will be held on **Thursday 4th May 2023 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber.**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Only Agenda items where the indicated function is to approve or decide may be decided at this meeting. Other items are for information only and no decision can be taken upon them unless and until raised at a later meeting.

- 23/24/001 To elect the Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor until May 2024.
- 23/24/002 To witness the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance by the Chairman of the Council and Town Mayor.
- 23/24/003 To elect the Vice Chairman of the Council and the Deputy Town Mayor until May 2024.
- 23/24/004 To receive comments and questions from members of the public. Members of the public are invited to raise any matter and speak for up to three minutes. The Council cannot discuss matters raised unless they already appear on this Agenda.
- 23/24/005 Apologies for Absence.
- 23/24/006 To receive declarations of interests and approve any written applications for dispensations.
- 23/24/007 To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting held on 6th April 2023 – to follow.
- 23/24/008 To approve recommendations from the following committee meetings:
Amenities Committee – 30th March 2023
Finance & Personnel – 13th April 2023
- 23/24/009 To consider planning applications – see attached.
- 23/24/010 To confirm members have no conflict of interest with the External Auditor BDO LLP.
- 23/24/011 To receive an update regarding the recent Health & Safety Audit Visit.
- 23/24/012 To appoint members to the Standing Committees and elect a Chairman and Vice Chairman for each Committee

- 23/24/013 To approve the Terms of Reference and Delegated Powers of the Standing Committees.
- 23/24/014 To consider financial matters and to approve:
Confirmation of cheque signatories.
Review and approve list of subscriptions.
To approve any payments for invoices in excess of £2000.
- 23/24/015 To appoint representatives to outside bodies.
- 23/24/016 To receive correspondence and discuss any issues raised.
- 23/24/017 To receive a report from the Town Clerk.
- 23/24/018 To receive a report from Dorset Councillor Carole Jones.
- 23/24/019 To receive information from members and discuss proposals for future business.

Kate Squire – Town Clerk
27th April 2023