

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Held on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 on Zoom.Us at 7.15 pm**

Present :

Councillor S Bevis	Councillor H Reed
Councillor N Dobson	Councillor M Roake
Councillor A Donaldson	Councillor G Rose
Councillor C Fraser (Mayor)	Councillor R Taylor
Councillor M Jones	

Apologies: Cllr H Lacey (Deputy Mayor) Absent: Cllr J Janes  
Attendance on Zoom: Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk) and Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

RESOLUTION  
for each item the  
proposer is named first  
followed by the seconder

- TC/93/20 PUBLIC SESSION  
No members of the public were present.
- TC/94/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Lacey.  
**The Council resolved to accept this apology.**
- TC/95/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS  
No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.
- TC/96/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING  
**The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 9.07.2020, having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record.**
- TC/97/20 APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES  
i. Finance and Personnel Committee – 23.07.2020  
PROCESS FOR THE AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS  
Following consideration of the revised process.  
The Committee resolved to RECOMMEND the adoption of the revised Council payment process on a trial basis until the 31st March 2021.  
**The Council resolved to approve this recommendation.**
- INTERNAL AUDIT RISK ASSESMENT  
Following consideration of the Internal audit risk assessment circulated with the agenda.  
The Committee resolved to RECOMMEND that the recommendations of the internal auditor should be implemented.  
**The Council resolved to approve this recommendation.**
- RE-STRUCTURE OF COUNCIL RESERVES  
Following consideration of the report circulated with the agenda.  
The Committee resolved to RECOMMEND that the earmarked reserves should be restructured.  
**The Council resolved to approve this recommendation.**
- TC/98/20 i. BUDGET COMPARISON AT 31.07.2020  
**The Council resolved to approve budget comparison as at 31.07.2020.**

Cllr Fraser  
Cllr Dobson

Cllr Reed  
Cllr Rose

Cllr Rose  
Cllr Donaldson

Cllr Rose  
Cllr Taylor

Cllr Reed  
Cllr Rose

Cllr Rose  
Cllr Donaldson

Chair's initials



ii. LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE UNDER DELEGATION 01.07.20 - 31.07.2020

**The list of payments made under delegation were approved.**

Cllr Reed  
Cllr Rose

TC/99/20 WEBSITE ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT  
After considering the website accessibility statement already circulated with the meeting papers,  
**The Council resolved to approve the website accessibility statement.**

Cllr Reed  
Cllr Taylor

TC/100/20 COMMUNITY AWARDS POLICY  
After considering the community awards policy already circulated with the meeting papers, with an amendment suggested by Cllr Rose  
**The Council resolved to approve the community awards policy.**

Cllr Rose  
Cllr Jones

TC/101/20 Item 9 reference Sturbiz funding had been removed from the Agenda.

TC/102/20 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT  
The Town Clerk's report, having previously been circulated, was noted.

TC/103/20 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT  
Cllr Fraser reported he had attended the wreath laying on VJ Day alongside members from the British Legion and Air Force.

TC/104/20 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT  
The District Councillor's report, having previously been circulated, was noted. Cllr Donaldson made a request for the District Councillor's report to include matters on the whole of North Dorset and not just Sturminster Newton.

TC/105/20 MEMBER INFORMATION  
*Cllr Roake* – requested an update on the railings by the Bridge.  
He also requested that the 2016 economic business plan be reviewed and for the Council to take the lead with delivering some of the objectives, particularly given the difficult times Covid 19 has created.  
*Cllr Dobson* – agreed there is a great urgency to get the town going again.  
*Cllr Donaldson* – extended his thanks to the grounds team for their work in the Railway Gardens and generally, many good comments received.  
Also advised the Post Office in the One Stop still closed due to the building being flooded.  
*Cllr Fraser* – advised the footpath across the Recreation Ground was very slippery.

TC/106/20 **In exercise of the power conferred by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2) the Committee resolved that members of the public and press be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted being of a confidential nature it is likely that personal and/or exempt information would otherwise be improperly disclosed and members would feel unable to discuss the matter freely.**

Cllr Fraser  
Cllr Reed

TC/107/20 CONFIDENTIAL LAND MATTER  
After consideration of the report previously circulated.  
**The Council resolved to proceed with option b) with the addition of Cllr Rose as a consultee and to also take the specific professional advice included in the report.**

Cllr Fraser  
Cllr Donaldson

The meeting was declared closed at 8.10pm

Chair's initials



Approved on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2020

Chair's signature 

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