

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Thursday 1ST October 2020 on Zoom.Us at 7.15 pm

Present :

Councillor N Dobson

Councillor A Donaldson

Councillor C Fraser (Mayor)

Councillor M Jones

Councillor H Reed

Councillor M Roake

Councillor G Rose

Councillor R Taylor

Absent: Cllrs Bevis and Janes

Attendance on Zoom: 3 members of the public,

Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk) and Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

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

TC/108/20 PUBLIC SESSION

3 members of the public, representing the Youth Club, Sturbiz and The Mill and Museum Society respectively, all of whom have requested grant funding under Agenda item 9, gave short presentations on their activities and why they needed a grant.

TC/109/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies for absence had been received.

TC/110/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Rose declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Youth Management Board.

Cllr Dobson declared a non-pecuniary interest as Treasurer of the Youth Club.

Cllr Lacey declared a non-pecuniary interest as Chairman of the Economic Development Group.

Cllr Donaldson declared a non-pecuniary interest as a member of the Heritage Trust.

TC/111/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 03.09.2020 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.

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Donaldson

TC/112/20 APPROVAL RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES

i. Planning and Environment Committee – 17.09.2020

The Town Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee.

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Rose

ii Amenities – 24.09.2020

The Town Council resolved to approve the recommendations of the Committee.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Lacey

TC/113/20 i. BUDGET COMPARISON AT 31.08.2020

The Council resolved to approve budget comparison as at 31.08.2020.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Dobson

ii. LIST OF PAYMENTS MADE UNDER DELEGATION 01.08.20 - 31.08.2020

The list of payments made under delegation between 1.08.2020 and 31.08.2020 were approved.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Taylor

Chair's initials

iii. PAYMENTS FOR INVOICES IN EXCESS OF £2000.
There were no payments in excess of £2000 needing approval.

TC/114/20 REVISED FINANCIAL REGULATIONS
The Council resolved to approve the revised financial regulations.

Cllr Fraser
Cllr Donaldson

TC/115/20 BUDGET SUGGESTIONS
The following suggestions were raised to be considered in the 2021-2022 budget:

- Additional seating in picnic areas
- Electrical works in the Railway Gardens
- Shelter for young people
- Improvements to paths to Colber Bridge
- Improvements to the entrance to the Trailway, i.e. new lamp, surface of roundabout and surface by the Trailway entrance.
- Improve the pedestrian experience from the Trailway into the town.

Cllr Rose expressed the need to be cautious of spending too much to avoid increasing the precept.

TC/116/20 FUNDING REQUESTS
Having considered the previously circulated report
The Council resolved to approve the following grants up to a total of £3,500

Cllr Reed
Cllr Rose

Youth Club	£ 500
The Mill and Museum Society	£ 1000
Sturbiz	£ 2500

TC/117/20 NALC BUILDING STRONGER COMMUNITIES
Cllr Lacey reported on the NALC Building Stronger Communities event, the emphasis being on Councillors engaging more in their communities and encouraging the development of an increased volunteer base.

TC/118/20 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT
The Town Clerk's report, having previously been circulated, was noted. The Clerk advised she had received an extra piece of correspondence on an application from Poets Corner Café for a licence to trade outside. She will circulate and ask for responses by Tuesday 6th October.

TC//20 TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT
The Town Mayor advised, as there had been no civic events, there was nothing to report.

TC//20 DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT
The Dorset Councillor's report, having previously been circulated, was noted.

TC//20 MEMBER INFORMATION
Cllr Lacey – good to see Oxfords Bakery open at the top of the town, a great asset. The previous premises already have been let to another business.
Cllr Dobson – advised Stur of the Moment will be reopening soon.
Cllr Donaldson – Still some uncertainty when the Once Stop shop is opening, and it will be a few more days after before the Post Office can reopen.
Cllr Fraser – expressed concern for the works to Colber Bridge and the barriers along the A357 to be addressed. The Town Clerk and Cllr Lacey reported that Dorset Council are working with the Environment Agency to seek a permanent solution to the bank slippage and this will take time. It is understood that there are no plans to replace the temporary barriers.

The meeting was declared closed at 8.37pm.

Approved on Chair's signature.....

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