

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 21st January 2021 by Zoom at 7.15pm

Present :
Cllr A Donaldson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr N Dobson
Cllr C Fraser (ex officio)
Cllr M Jones
Cllr H Lacey (ex officio)
Cllr H Reed
Cllr M Roake
Cllr J Rose
Cllr R Taylor (Chairman)

Absent: Cllr S Bevis and Cllr J Janes

In Attendance: Mrs Mal Derricott (Acting Town Clerk), Council Mrs Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk).

Public: None.

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
PE/29/21	PUBLIC SESSION No comments made or questions asked.	
PE/30/21	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllr Bevis. Cllr Fraser advised the meeting that a letter of resignation had been received from Cllr Bevis. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.	Cllr Lacey Cllr Reed
PE/31/21	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
PE/32/21	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 17 th September 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
PE/33/21	PLANNING MATTERS <u>Planning Application 2/2020/1084/FUL</u> Land North East of Jessamine Cottage – Convert and extend existing red brick barn to 1 no. dwelling (remove mobile home and outbuilding). Sturminster Newton Town Council comment: No Objections providing the conditions in the ecological report are adhered to. <u>Planning Decisions of Dorset Council</u> - the decisions previously circulated and attached to these minutes were noted. <u>Tree Matters</u> Chestnut Tree, Church Street – Cllr Donaldson advised the permission to crown this tree, originally mentioned at Full Council, has now been granted. No further information has been received on the temporary tree preservation at Drovers.	



PE/34/21

REVIEW OF THE REVISED PROCESS FOR CONSIDERING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

During lockdown planning applications had been dealt with by email to all Councillors, all comments reviewed by Chairman of Planning and the Town Clerk and then submitted to Dorset Council Planning. Discussion ensued and, although Councillors agreed the email system had its merits, it was agreed that there should be a return to monthly Planning & Environment meetings.

The Committee RECOMMENDED that Planning and Environment Committee meetings should return to reviewing planning applications at monthly meetings.

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Donaldson

PE/35/21

RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

No report had been received.

PE/36/21

CORRESPONDENCE

Dorset Council Parking Charges Review – Cllrs Donaldson and Lacey agreed to be the contacts for Sturminster Newton on the Dorset Council Working Group.

Dorset Council Local Plan Consultation – The Town Clerk advised Councillors that the Dorset Council Plan Consultation has just started from 18 January.

**ACTION
TOWN CLERK**

PE/37/21

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Lacey – requested the office check free parking days to be agreed.

Cllr Donaldson – advised Dorset Council has bought St Mary's School, Shaftesbury. He also mentioned that the town website, <https://sturminster-newton.org.uk/> had several inaccuracies which needed amending.

**ACTION
TOWN CLERK**

The meeting closed at 8.15pm.

Approved on 09/03/2021

Chair's Signature 