

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 18th March 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 J Janes

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

Two members of the public.

Apologies:

Minute No. Comments

RESOLUTION
For each item, the
proposer is named first
followed by the seconder

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PUBLIC SESSION

Dorset Councillor C Jones advised Dorset Council is expecting a very high influx of visitors over the holidays. She suggested the Council look into organising extra rubbish pick-ups particularly with camper vans using The Mill as a stop over.

A member of the public was attending to experience Town Council meetings as potentially might consider co-option. He expressed his attendance was to listen but did point out it was worth checking the Town Council insurance policies for liability if the car parks were going to be busier.

Action:
Cllr Taylor to
liaise with
A Dodson

Action: Cllrs
Fraser and Taylor
to liaise with A
Dodson.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.

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PLANNING MATTERS

Planning Applications

Clarkes Yard – as this application had only just been issued and Councillors needed more time to review,

The Council RESOLVED to consider the application at the Town Council meeting on 1st April 2021.

The Committee requested that the information on this development is displayed on the Town Council website and facebook sites.

Planning Decisions of Dorset Council - the decisions previously circulated and attached to these minutes were noted.

Tree Matters

Cllr Donaldson reported on a number of tree matters. He noted the idea for a new copse idea was an excellent community initiative but could not think where it could be established in Sturminster Newton. He suggested any ideas be sent to Adam Dodson

Any Other Planning Matters

Thanks were noted to Cllrs Donaldson, Roake, Taylor and C Spackman for their response to the Dorset Local Plan consultation.

There were no other planning matters.

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Donaldson



21/54 **THE RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP**
No report was available.

21/55 **STREET NAMING POLICY**
An email had been received from a member of the public raising a query about street naming policies between Town and Dorset Council.
The Council RESOLVED to write to Dorset Council to establish if there is a street naming policy in place.
The Council also RESOLVED to write to the developer concerned to express dissatisfaction with the marketing names suggested for the site next to Northfields.

Cllr Roake
Cllr Donaldson

Action:
Town Clerk

21/56 **CORRESPONDENCE**

- The Town Clerk advised of road closures for Common Lane, Broad Oak and an unnamed road at Plumber.
- She also advised the Council of webinars in March on the infrastructure of charging points.

21/57 **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Lacey:

- Cllr Lacey and Cllr Donaldson will be attending a Dorset Council Parking Review.
- Suggested more marketing triangles“toblerones” over posts and bollards in the town centre were needed to promote businesses in the town especially when they open up again. Cllr Dobson agreed with Cllr Lacey that anything that could be done to promote businesses in the town will be useful.

Action:
Town Clerk

Cllr Roake:

- Requested an update if permission had been applied for by Mr Knott at Ralph Down Farm for the wall that has been erected and also buildings that have been demolished – office to follow up with the Dorset Council Planning Enforcement Officer.
- Requested that the developer, Wyatt Homes, be contacted to consult with the Town Council when the naming of roads in the new development is considered.

Action:
Office

The Chairman closed the meeting at 19.55

Approved on 11/05/2021

Chairman's Signature 

