

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**Held on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2020 at 7.15pm by Zoom**

Present:

Councillor N Dobson  
Councillor A Donaldson - Vice Chairman  
Councillor C Fraser  
Councillor J Janes

Councillor M Jones  
Councillor H Lacey  
Councillor M Roake  
Councillor J Rose  
Councillor R Taylor - Chairman

Absent: Cllrs Bevis and Reed

In attendance: Alan Harrison (Co-opted Footpaths Officer and Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Members of the public: 1

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder
PE/15/20	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> No comments were made or questions asked.	
PE/16/20	<b>APOLOGIES</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs Bevis and Reed. The apologies were accepted by the member present.	Cllr Rose Cllr Donaldson
PE/17/20	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b> No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
PE/18/20	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <b>The minutes of the Planning &amp; Environment Committee Meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February, 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.</b>	Cllr Lacey Cllr Donaldson
PE/19/20	<b>PLANNING OUTCOMES</b> The Council noted the outcomes of planning applications listed in the report circulated with the meeting papers.	
PE/20/20	<b>CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS</b> 1. 2/2020/1035/HOUSE – Mr and Mrs J Cowley Bramleys, Bath Road Proposal: Extend and replace roof and form first floor extensions. <b>Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:</b> No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Jones Cllr Lacey
	2. 2/2020/1044/HOUSE – Mr and Mrs Evans 27 Manston Road Proposal: Erection of single storey extension (demolition of conservatory and rear bay window). <b>Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:</b> No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Donaldson Cllr Rose

3. 2/2020/1098/HOUSE – Mr and Mrs Oakley  
14 Northfields  
Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension  
**Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:**  
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Jones  
Cllr Donaldson

4. 2/2020//1121/HOUSE – Mr and Mrs Hastings  
Shirley Cottage, Rixon Hill  
Proposal: Erect single storey extension  
**Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:**  
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Donaldson  
Cllr Taylor

- PE/21/20 RESPONSE TO GOVERNMENT PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE  
WHITE PAPER  
Having considered the report previously circulated  
**The Committee resolved to recommend that the White Paper be circulated by email and responses to the consultation collected and returned by the deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2020.**

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Fraser

- PE/22/20 TEMPORARY SEATING AREA AT MARKET CROSS  
Having considered the report previously circulated  
**The Committee resolved to accept the recommendations as set out in the report.**

Cllr Lacey  
Cllr Fraser

- PE/23/20 REVISED PROCESS OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS  
Having considered the report previously circulated  
**The Committee resolved to accept the recommendations as set out in the report with the additional recommendation to review in 6 months' time.**

Cllr Roake  
Cllr Rose

- PE/24/20 RIGHTS OF WAY  
Alan Harrison expressed his thanks to the Town Council and Country Rangers for their support for the Rights of Way Group. He also explained Cllr Jones was helping redesign the leaflets. Cllr Jones he was just waiting to hear back from some of the volunteers about changes to footpath information and then will create the artwork.

- PE/25/20 TREE MATTERS  
Cllr Donaldson reported on various tree matters with the following application requiring a comment.  
The Old School Penny Street Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 1DE  
T1 - Acacia - Fell as in bad health and in decline.  
T2 - Birch - Fell as is damaging wall, overhangs car parking in the street, and is affecting electric cables.  
**Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:** No Objections

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Rose

- PE/26/20 TOWN CLERK REPORT ON ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS  
The Town Clerk's report, having previously been circulated, was noted. The Town Clerk advised the speed traffic surveys will take place in October. Also video evidence of speeding will allow the Police to use Dorset Council as witnesses to speeding. As there is a lack of grid capacity for electricity it is now very unlikely that electric vehicle charging points will be feasible.



PE/27/20      CORRESPONDENCE  
No correspondence had been received for Members to consider.

PE/28/20      INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS  
*Cllr Lacey* – reported she had attended a National Association for Local Councils webinar event on Building Back Stronger Communities.  
*Cllr Donaldson* – advised the Post Office in One Stop should be open next week. He also commented Oxfords Bakery moving into The Square has been a real success and bonus for the town. He also mentioned the Chairman of Planning & Environment and himself had been approached by Cllr Batstone concerning a planning infringement in Penny Street. Cllr Donaldson also thanked the Grounds team for the displays of flowers in the town.  
*Cllr Taylor* – also thanked the Grounds team for their work on the seating area.

Meeting closed 8.20pm.

Approved on ..... Chair's signature .....

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