

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Held on Thursday 20th May 2021 at The Stour Hall, The Exchange at 7.15pm

Present :

Cllr A Donaldson

Cllr N Dobson

Cllr C Fraser (ex officio)

Cllr M Jones

Cllr H Lacey (ex officio)

Cllr H Reed

Cllr J Rose

Cllr R Taylor

In Attendance: Mal Derricott (Acting Town Clerk), Kate Squire (Finance Officer)
 Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr J Janes, Cllr P Marks, Cllr M Roake and Alan Harrison Rights of Way Officer

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder
21/020	PUBLIC SESSION No comments were made or questions asked.	
21/021	ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Cllr Donaldson proposed Cllr R Taylor. There were no other nominations. Cllr R Taylor was duly elected Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the year 2021/2022	Cllr Donaldson Cllr Reed
21/022	ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Cllr Taylor proposed Cllr A Donaldson. There were no other nominations. Cllr A Donaldson was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment for the year 2021/2022.	Cllr Taylor Cllr Rose
21/023	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
21/024	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 15th April , having been circulated, and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Chairman as true and correct.	Cllr Taylor Cllr Donaldson
21/025	PLANNING MATTERS <u>Planning Applications</u> P/FUL/2021/00321	
1.	20/04/2021 Tuffin & Son L R and C J Brickyard Farm Brickyard Lane Bagber DT10 2HS Proposal: Demolish existing cattle housing buildings and construct new cattle housing buildings incorporating covering the existing concrete yard. Observations :	



No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Fraser
Cllr Donaldson

2. P/FUL/2021/00378
20/04/2021 Lewis Mr Copse Hill Farm, Copse Hill
Broad Oak ,DT10 2HJ
Proposal : Siting of a temporary construction compound, consisting of site cabin, welfare unit, material store and parking spaces.
Observations : No Objections.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Reed

3. P/FUL/2021/00558
26/04/2021 Mr Toll House A357
Twofords Bridge to Woodlands, Farm Access, DT10 2HS
Proposal : Erection of replacement dwelling.
Observations :
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Jones

4. P/HOU/2021/00293
Mr S Frear 6 Badgers Way, Sturminster Newton DT10 1DW
Proposal : Erect first floor side extension 30/04/2021
Observations :
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Donaldson

5. P/HOU/2021/00715
Miss McIntyre S 1 The Gables, Bath Road
Sturminster Newton, DT10 1EA
Proposal : Replace rear conservatory with two storey rear extension linking house to old wash house.
Observations :
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Lacey

6. P/HOU/2021/01048
29/04/2021 Mrs Sandey, Lonsdale, Glue Hill
Sturminster Newton,DT10 2DJ
Proposal : Erect single storey rear extension and conservatory.
Observations :
No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Rose

7. P/LBC/2021/00218
20/04/2021 Mr & Mrs Palmer, First Floor Flat, 36 Market Place
DT10 1AR
Proposal : Replace existing 2 no. metal windows with 2 no. timber windows and replace existing Rooflight



with Velux Rooflight. Carry out associated internal and external works.

Observations : No Objections.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Jones

8. P/LBC/2021/00411
08/05/2021 Mr Fielding 25 Church Street Sturminster Newton,
DT10 1DB
Proposal : Erect single storey rear extension and carry out
associated internal and external alterations

Observations:

No Objections – the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Reed

Planning Decisions – the planning decisions, previously circulated and attached to these minutes, were noted.

Tree Matters

Cllr Donaldson reported on tree matters at Bull Common Lane and The Chapel on Newton Hill.

Any Other Planning Matters

There were no other planning matters to discuss.

21/026

PROVISION OF VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS AND DORSET CAR PARK CHARGING POINTS

There was a discussion as to why Sturminster Newton had not been chosen by Dorset Council to have electric charging points in car parks and other North Dorset towns had been included, particularly as in a previous meeting Dorset Councillor Jones had suggested this was down to grid capacity. It was also noted the charging point plan was a pilot scheme and Sturminster Newton did not fit the criteria. It was agreed these points needed clarification. It was also agreed the Town Council should pursue the possibility of charging points with or without this scheme and that the town should not be disadvantaged in the future due to lack of "fuel".

The Committee Recommended the following:

1. To write to Dorset Council to clarify the electrical power situation for Sturminster Newton and if this influenced their decision not to include Sturminster Newton in the pilot scheme for charging points.

2. Request to the Amenities Committee to explore the possibility of electric charging points at the War Memorial Recreation Ground.

**ACTION:
TOWN CLERK**

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Reed

21/027

RIGHTS OF WAY GROUP


The Town Clerk read an email received from Alan Harrison, the Footpaths Officer, in which he advised he was sadly stepping down from this position. The Group will advise when a replacement has been found.

It was agreed a letter of thanks should be sent to Alan Harrison for his huge contribution and volunteering for the town.

**ACTION:
TOWN CLERK**

21/028

CORRESPONDENCE



1. Paula Harris from the Garden Club had written to the Council thanking them for allowing the Plant Sale to go ahead outside the Railway Gardens and they raised over £500.

2. The Town Clerk advised the Council a letter had been received from Grassroots Developers reference a proposed development on land South of the A357. It was agreed not to reply.

21/029

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Donaldson commented as follows:

- He has noticed survey work opposite The Mount where the pavement is subsiding and hopes this is a precursor for improvements.
- Sturminster House is being improved and Cllr Donaldson has been told there is plenty of demand for office space.
- There has also been survey work carried out in the lairage field by the Fire Station. In reply Cllr Fraser mentioned that the Hinton Estate are looking a new proposals for the lairage field.
- Survey work also has been carried out for the pinch points on the Bath Road.

Cllr Jones advised:

- The Mill project with the School is going ahead and Hinton Estate are assisting with the area for refreshments
- He asked if there is any signage available for No Fires/Barbeques. K Squire advised that she has requested posters from Dorset Council.
- Butts Pond Industrial Estate – the units are grouping together to fund a simple directional map at the entrance to the Estate.
- Trailway Entrance – he is hoping that improvements to the entrance can start this summer.

Cllr Fraser:

- Advised an item for a future Town Council meeting would be to decide on a place to site an bull's head sculpture which funding as been secured by local crowd funding. He will email Councillors and add as an Agenda item for next Town Council.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.10pm

Approved on 01/07/2021 Chairman's Signature 