

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Thursday 3rd June at 7.15pm in The Exchange

Present :

Cllr A Donaldson

Cllr N Dobson

Cllr C Fraser - Chairman

Cllr M Jones

Cllr H Lacey – Vice Chairman

Cllr J Rose

Cllr R Taylor

In Attendance: Kate Squire (Town Clerk), Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Apologies: Cllr J Janes, Cllr P Marks and Cllr M Roake

Minute No. Comments

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

21/031

PUBLIC SESSION

Two members of the public shared their concerns on the planning application for the development of 8 dwellings on site at Orchard House, Glue Hill. They were worried if in the future the site were sold to another developer and number of dwellings increased. Cllr Fraser acknowledged their concerns but advised the Council could only make a comment on the present application.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Fraser declared that, while he had no financial interests, as Chairman of the Newton Residents Association, he had an indirect conflict of interest and would make no comment and abstain from the voting on the planning application for the development at Orchard House, Glue Hill.

21/033

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Annual Town Council meeting held on 6th May 2021, 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 Donaldson
Cllr Jones

Agenda item 21/34 was moved to the end of the meeting.
Agenda items 21/35 and 21/37 were moved up the Agenda.

21/035

Cllr Fraser handed the chair over to the Chairman of the Planning & Environment for these 2 items only.

MINUTES OF COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Planning and Environment Committee held on 20.05.2021

The Minutes of the Planning and Environment Committee held on 20.05.2021 were approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

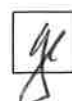
Cllr Taylor
Cllr Lacey

The Council discussed the recommendation therein which is detailed below:

“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.”

In the light of additional information provided by



Cllr Donaldson regarding Sturminster Newton being included in the second phase of the Dorset Council electric charging point project, the Council decided the recommendation was no longer necessary.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Taylor

21/037

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

P/FUL/2021/00824

1.

18/05/2021 Ressenar-Parsons Ms C, Site at Orchard House
Glue Hill, Sturminster Newton DT10 2HW
Proposal :Develop land by erection of 8 no. dwellings, alter
existing access and re-route drive to The
Orchard.

Observations:

- **Objections on the grounds that the service road does not meet the criteria for adoption.**
- **Would request the recommendations from Highways are followed.**
- **Request for this to be an application for the Planning Committee to decide.**

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Jones

P/HOU/2021/00643

2.

25/05/2021 Bunch Mr T, 40 Manston Road
Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1AF
Proposal : Form vehicular access, with parking and turning area.

Observations :

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

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Jones

P/HOU/2021/00853

3.

19/05/2021 Clarke Mr, 8 Westfield
Glue Hill Sturminster Newton DT10 2DN
Proposal : Erection of garage.

Observations :

No Objections provided the garage is not used for other purposes in the future without applying for change of use.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Reed

P/HOU/2021/00874

4.

17/05/2021 Coleman Mr Hazeldene, Manston Road
Sturminster Newton ,DT10 1AG
Proposal : Erect boundary wall and piers.

Observations :

No Objections subject to the recommendations from Highways being carried out.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Lacey

P/VOC/2021/01613

5.

21/05/2021 Lightsource SPV 32 Ltd Solar Farm
Rudge Hill Gipsys Drover, Rivers Corner
Installation and operation of a solar farm. (Variation of Condition
no.17 of planning permission
no. APP/N1215/A12/2179369 (LPA ref. 2/2012/0253/PLNG) to
extend the planning permission to 40 years from the date of
commencement of development).



Observations:
No Objections.

Cllr Lacey
Cllr Jones

21/036

FINANCIAL MATTERS

To Approve Payments of Invoices in excess of £2000

2 payments:

Matthew Pearce 17.05 £7,552.92

Matthew Pearce 03.06 £4,200.00

Grants had been received from the Cheese Festival Committee as previously agreed by the Council (21/012) for electrical works at the War Memorial Ground.

21/038

TOWN COUNCIL PROJECTS 2021.2022

£15,000 project budget.

The Council RESOLVED to allocate the funding to projects as follows:

Trailway Entrance Enhancements £7,200

Cllr Jones
Cllr Rose

Enhancements to the Community Garden £1,000

Cllr Lacey
Cllr Jones

Seating Area at Market Cross

Estimated cost £1,500. It was decided to monitor usage over the Summer before allocating this money as use of the seating area has decreased since Covid restrictions have been lifted. The Council did agree to planters being placed at Market Cross to enhance the area.

Electrical Points in the Railway Gardens

Original estimated cost £7,000 for 4 electrical points.

It was agreed to obtain a new quotation from SSE requesting prices for 2,3 and 4 points before a decision is made.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Jones

21/039

TRAILWAY PROJECT

The Council RESOLVED to allocate £7,200 to this project.

Quotations will be obtained from 3 groundwork companies.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Dobson

21/040

TOWN CRIER

A request had been received, and previously circulated, to consider recruiting a new Town Crier. The Council agreed to request the Town Clerk action the following:

- Write to the previous Town Crier's family to advise of the proposal.
- Contact the Town Criers Association for advice.
- Advertise the opportunity online to recruit possible candidates.
- Liaise with the Rotary to see if a competition could be included in their community event in August.

**ACTION:
TOWN CLERK**

21/041

SITE FOR BULL'S HEAD SCULPTURE

The Council were asked to consider sites for the location of a bull's head sculpture which has been secured through local crowd funding. One site suggestion was the sensory garden in the middle of the Railway Gardens. The Town Clerk advised the garden would be replanted with lavender and Stour Connect would



be invited to do the planting. The Town Clerk asked if members had other location suggestions to let her know.

21/042

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk had received an email from Wessex Internet who are exploring the possibility of fibre broadband for Sturminster Newton. They would be interested to talk to the Councillors. The Councillors agreed they would be interested in a talk and requested the Town Clerk to arrange for one of the next meetings.

**ACTION:
TOWN CLERK**

21/043

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported as follows:

- Interviews are taking place for the Assistant Finance Officer post.
- The internal auditors will be conducting their final checks on 14th June in to sign off 2020.2021 accounts. An Extraordinary meeting will be arranged to follow the Planning and Environment meeting on 17th June 2021 to present the Annual Government and Accountability Return for approval and signature.
- Electrical work has started at the War Memorial Recreation Ground.
- Repair of Water Trough and Pump – we are still waiting to hear back from Dorset Council planning.

21/044

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Mayor reported he had met Cllrs Rose and Reed and Dawn Ball from the Youth Club at the Scout Hut to view the building.

21/045

DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Dorset Councillor Carole Jones reported as follows:

- Dorset Council are developing a Parking Review Strategy which will have 3 levels: Rural, Coastal and Towns.
- There have been huge problems with the planning process with 8-week delays in validation due to very high volume of applications.
- Planning Enforcements and Building Control work has also increased.
- There will be an archaeological dig in Hinton St Mary in the Summer.
- Council meetings – location of meetings will not be decided until after 21st June when a Government update will be announced.
- The bin collection changes in days of collection will come into effect in June.
- Charging points in Station Road carpark will be included in Phase 2 of Dorset Council's charging point scheme.

21/046

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Donaldson – expressed his concern that as Robert Cowley's talk had been postponed, this might mean the Scout Hut project would miss being on the Agenda for the next William Williams Charity meeting.

Cllr Rose – noted that the speed indicator device (SID) on the Bath Road was already overgrown by tree branches.

Cllr Reed – complaints had been received about someone camping on the lairage field. Assistant Town Clerk L Plumridge advised this had already been reported to the Hinton Estate.



210/34

MINUTES OF THE EXTRAORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

The minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 20th May 2021, 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 Donaldson
Cllr Taylor

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.40pm.

Approved on 1st June 2021

Chairman's Signature 