

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Held on Thursday 17th June 2021 at The Exchange at 7.15pm

Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr N Dobson
Cllr C Fraser (ex officio)
Cllr M Jones
Cllr H Lacey (ex officio)

Cllr P Marks
Cllr M Roake
Cllr H Reed
Cllr J Rose
Cllr R Taylor

In Attendance: Mal Derricott (Acting Town Clerk) by Zoom Kate Squire (Finance Officer)
Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk) and Dorset Councillor C Jones.
2 members of the public.

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder
	Robert Cowley presented a talk on the criteria for grant funding by the William Williams Charity.	
21/047	PUBLIC SESSION A member of the public wanted to comment on the change of use and conversion of agricultural buildings to 2 dwellings at Barrow View Farm, Broad Oak. Whilst he did not have any specific objections to the application, he did express his concerns that there seemed to be a general trend of converting redundant farm buildings into houses. He felt Dorset Council were departing from their established policies and hoped Sturminster Newton Town Council could write to Dorset Council to express the general disquiet shared by him and Councillors.	
21/048	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr J Janes.	
21/049	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
21/050	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 20 th May had been approved as a true and correct record at the Town Council meeting held on 3 rd June 2021.	
21/051	PLANNING MATTERS <u>Planning Applications</u> – none to discuss. <u>Planning Decisions</u> , the planning decisions, previously circulated were noted. <u>Tree Matters</u> Cllr Donaldson reported on the removal of a conifer at 84 Huckleberry Cottage, which was approved on 20 th May. <u>Any Other Planning Matters</u> Cllr Taylor advised the meeting of email correspondence regarding planning enforcement matters at Ralph Down Farm.	
21/052	CORRESPONDENCE No correspondence to be discussed.	



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INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Jones:

- Reported that the bull's head sculpture will be installed in the sensory area of the Railway Gardens next week and thanked the Grounds team for their assistance.
- Butts Pond Signage – All the businesses have raised a substantial amount to fund the signage noticeboard. Placement of the board will need to be carefully considered as there are many underground services and a tree to be taken into account.

Cllr P Marks

- Trailway entrance - Advised he had been in discussion with the Gas Board to understand guidelines/procedures relating to the gas services located at the Trailway entrance.

Cllr H Lacey:

- Expressed her concerns at the problems at the bridge, not great for encouraging visitors to The Mill.

**ACTION:
Office**

Cllr Donaldson:

- Commented that he appreciated how quickly the kerb outside Pure Hair had be rectified by Highways.

**ACTION:
Town Clerk**

Cllr Reed:

Requested if the office could prepare a list and locations for all the defibrillators in town.

Town Clerk:

The Town Clerk advised all the quotations had been received for the Trailway project and that the decision had been made to instruct Goddards Landscaping as soon as possible with a start date in September.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.02pm

Approved on 01/7/2021

Chairman's Signature 