

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Held on Thursday 15th July 2021 at The Exchange at 7.45pm

Cllr A Donaldson (Vice Chairman)
 Cllr C Fraser
 Cllr M Jones
 Cllr H Lacey
 Cllr P Marks

Cllr H Reed
 Cllr M Roake
 Cllr J Rose
 Cllr R Taylor – (Chairman)

In Attendance: Kate Squire (Town Clerk) Lynn Close (Finance Administrator)

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
21/094	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public present.	
21/095	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr J Janes and Cllr N Dobson.	
21/096	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
21/097	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 17th June 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.	
21/098	PLANNING MATTERS <u>Planning Applications</u> None to discuss. <u>Planning Decisions</u> No decisions had been available to report as there had been technical problems with the Dorset Council planning portal. Cllr Donaldson advised the problems with the portal had been resolved during that afternoon and no decisions had been made. <u>Tree Matters</u> Cllr Donaldson reported confirmation of the tree preservation order at The Gavel play area. Cllr Donaldson also notified Council of a temporary tree preservation order for the copse at Copse Field Farm. Cllr Donaldson proposed that the Council support the preservation of the copse. <u>Any Other Planning Matters</u> None to discuss.	Cllr Donaldson Cllr Reed
21/099	ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS It was noted that the Assistant Town Clerk, Louise Plumridge had attended a webinar on electric vehicle charging points and would share information with members of the working group. Councillors enquired regarding phase 2 of Dorset Councils plans to install charging points in car parks, as Sturminster Newton should be included. Town Clerk to contact Dorset Council to for an update.	ACTION Town Clerk



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CONSIDERATION OF DORSET COUNCILS PROPOSED PARKING CHARGES STRATEGY REPORT

Information regarding Dorset Council’s Proposed Parking Charges had been circulated prior to the meeting. Councillors expressed concerns that the restructure could result in the loss of the 30-minute free parking in Market Place, changes to Station Road car park charging times and installation of roadside parking meters. Cllr Donaldson also asked for clarification of ownership of the Church Street car park.

The Committee recommended that the Town Clerk respond to Proposed Parking Charges report.

The Town Clerk to ascertain ownership of Church Street car park with the Land Registry.

Cllr H Lacey
Cllr M Roake
ACTION:
Town Clerk

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CORRESPONDENCE

None to discuss.

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INFORMATION FROM MEMEBERS

Cllr Jones

- Confirmed that the money had been secured from businesses for the Butts Pond industrial estate signage.
- The Trailway project was progressing well

Cllr Donaldson

Expressed concern that Dorset Council were no longer sending written notices for planning to nearby properties, meaning that even more diligence would be needed by Council when commenting on planning applications in the future.

Cllr Reed suggested sending a letter voicing these concerns to Dorset Council. Cllr Fraser suggested a copy of this letter also be sent to the Dorset Councillor.

Cllr Reed

Reported on a positive meeting with Wessex Internet, who have been contracted by Dorset Council. The company were also keen to support the community. Cllr Reed will send a list of the suggested digital hubs to the Clerk for circulation.

ACTION
Town Clerk

ACTION
Cllr Reed/Town Clerk

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20pm

Approved on Chairman’s Signature

