

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE held on Thursday 21st October in The Council Chamber at 7.15pm

Present:

Cllr N Dobson

Cllr A Donaldson (Vice Chairman)

Cllr C Fraser

Cllr M Jones

Cllr P Marks

Cllr H Reed

Cllr G Rose

Cllr R Taylor (Chairman)

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

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
21/183	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present.	
21/184	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr H Lacey and Cllr M Roake. The apologies were accepted by the members present.	
21/185	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
21/186	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 16th September 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.	Cllr Rose Cllr Jones
21/187 1	PLANNING MATTERS P/HOU/2021/03847 Mrs V West Broad Oak Cottage Common Lane, Broad Oak, DT1 1XJ Proposal: Erect extensions and replacement roof to outbuilding to form a single storey extension to building. 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 Reed
2	P/FUL/2021/02483 Mr A Colman Hazeldene Manston Road, Sturminster Newton, DT10 1AG Proposal: Erect 1 no. dwelling. Observations: No Objections but note there are Tree Preservations Orders (TPO) to be adhered to, the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Fraser Cllr Donaldson



3 P/HOU/2021/03981
Mr R Neal
1 Newton Close
Sturminster Newton
Dorset, DT10 2DH

Proposal: Add car port to side of property.

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

4 P/FUL/2021/02385
Mr J Moore
Land N.E. of Jessamine Cottage
Chapel Road
Bagber Common
DT10 2HB

Proposal: Erect 1 no. dwelling, create 3 no. parking spaces and alter existing vehicular access. Demolish existing barn, (revision to planning permission 2/2020/1084/FUL).

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

Cllr Rose
Cllr Donaldson

Planning Decisions

The planning decisions, previously circulated and attached to these minutes were noted.

Tree Matters

Oak Tree, Butts Pond Nature Reserve

A resident had complained about an oak tree blocking light into their property. The Rangers have looked and decided the tree is not dangerous and it is not protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). Cllr Donaldson had spoken to the Tree Officer who advised blocking of light is not a reason for a tree to be felled but has agreed to come and look at the tree. Cllr Donaldson proposed he arranges for the Tree Officer to inspect the oak tree.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Fraser

Cedar at Englefield Gotts Close

There had been some irregularities with the Planning Portal which prompted Cllr Donaldson to speak to the Tree Officer. She confirmed the tree was on their system and the recommendation is to fell as it may simply be dying of old age. The Town Council agreed with this recommendation.

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Rose

Cllr Donaldson also reported on various other tree matters.

Trailway

Cllr Jones asked if the firs/leylandii by The Factory Shop could be inspected with a view to being trimmed or cut down. It was suggested the Tree Officer could also look at this to see if possible as there was also some uncertainty whether in a conservation area.

**Action:
Town Clerk to
coordinate the
visit for the Tree
Officer**

Cllr Marks also mentioned the 2 lime trees which are above the gas pipe in the Trailway. He is checking with the Gas Board whether they are a safety issue. If so, could the Tree Officer inspect these trees as well.

Any Other Planning Matters

No other planning matters to discuss.



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CORRESPONDENCE

Signage for Butts Pond Industrial Estate

The Town Clerk advised a letter had been received from Dorset Council with a possible decision date of 14th December, although due to their workload, this might be delayed.

Bath Road – Traffic Order for new lengths of no waiting at any time restrictions on sections of Bath Road.

This notice has been received with a deadline for comments by 12th November. The Chairman advised to add as an Agenda on the next Town Council meeting.

Action:
Town Clerk

Street Naming

David Fox had emailed asking if the Town Council still maintained a list of suitable names based on field names and local heritage. The Town Clerk will investigate.

Action:
Town Clerk

Footpath at The Bridge

The Town Clerk reported she had received an email from Dorset Council. Ground investigative work will commence on 8th November and is expected to finish 15th. The Town Clerk will liaise with Zilla Brown at The Mill and the Grounds Manager about parking provision for Dorset Council. There will be a 3-way traffic light system in situ, the Town Clerk will find out if this is during the day or 24 hours.

Action:
Town Clerk

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LONG TERM PARKING OPTIONS FOR STURMINSTER NEWTON – BUTTS POND INDUSTRIAL

The Town Clerk reported that she and the Grounds Manager had met with 2 representatives from Dorset Council Highways at Butts Pond Industrial Estate this week to discuss the parking problems on site. The Highways representatives suggested the solution to issues with large lorries accessing the estate would be to implement yellow lines along the side of the street. He advised this would take 2-3 years to action and advised that consultation with the local businesses would be necessary as the installation of yellow lines would cause the loss of 14 parking spaces. Cllr Jones suggested the businesses should get together as a group to consider how to deal with staff parking as a lot of the businesses had outgrown their space and were using their parking areas for storage.

Action:
Town Clerk to work out some options

Cllr Taylor suggested that as the industrial estate is owned by the Hinton St Mary Estate it would be useful to contact the Estate Managers regarding future plans for the industrial estate. An update on progress regarding Rolls Mill Industrial Estate would also be helpful for future planning.

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COLBER BRIDGE UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported no further progress on the hazard posed by the gas pipe alongside Colber Bridge. She had not received a response from either the Gas Board or Hinton St Mary Estate. She had also written to the Conservation Officer at Dorset Council with concerns about the permanent Herras fencing installed at this listed monument with no reply so far.

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TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

The Town Clerk advised her update had been covered in previous Agenda items.



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INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Jones - reported the Trailway project is progressing well.
Cllr Dobson – plans are being made to commission a graffiti artist to create a colourful piece of art on the side of the Hansons building.
Cllr Reed – reported all the appropriate safety inspections had now been carried out at the Scout Hut.
Cllr Donaldson – advised he had resigned on 8th October as Chairman of the Scout Association.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.17pm

Approved on

Chairman's Signature

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