

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Held on 17th February 2022 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber

Cllr N Dobson
Cllr A D Donaldson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Fraser
Cllr M Jones
Cllr H Lacey

Cllr P Marks
Cllr M Roake (via Zoom)
Cllr H Reed – arrived 7.25pm
Cllr G Rose

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

Members of the Public: 1

Comments	RESOLUTION For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder
<p>21/22/283 ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN OF PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE AND VICE CHAIRMAN (if applicable). In the absence of a Chairman, the Vice Chairman chaired the meeting. He explained that Cllr Taylor, the previous Chairman of Planning & Environment, had resigned. Cllr Donaldson expressed thanks to Cllr Taylor and commended him for his time and hard work for the Council, his sentiments were echoed by the other members of the Council. Cllr Jones proposed Cllr Donaldson for the position of Chairman of Planning & Environment Committee. There were no other nominations. Cllr Donaldson was duly elected Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee for the remaining months of the municipal year 2021/2022.</p>	<p>Cllr Jones Cllr Fraser</p>
<p>Cllr Fraser then proposed Cllr Rose for the position of Vice Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee. There were no other nominations. Cllr Rose was duly elected Vice Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee for the remaining months of the municipal year 2021/2022.</p>	<p>Cllr Fraser Cllr Jones</p>
<p>21/22/284 PUBLIC SESSION No questions were asked, or comments made.</p>	
<p>21/22/285 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE No apologies had been received.</p>	
<p>21/22/286 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.</p>	
<p>21/22/287 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 21st October 2021 were approved as a true and correct record.</p>	<p>Cllr Rose Cllr Dobson</p>
<p>21/22/288 PLANNING MATTERS PLANNING APPLICATIONS 1 Application No: P/HOU/2022/00413 Location: The Coach House Church Street Sturminster Newton DT10 1DB Proposal: Install new external flue, erect outbuilding and</p>	



greenhouse.

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 Jones

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Application No: P/LBC/2022/00414

Location: The Coach House Church Street Sturminster Newton DT10

1DB

Proposal: Install new window in re-instated former window opening, replace existing spiral staircase, remove modern fireplace surround, and install new external flue, paint windows white.

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 Jones

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Application No: P/FUL/2022/00168

Location: Poplar Farm Bagber DT10 2HS

Proposal: Construction of manege

Observations: No Objections.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Jones

Planning Decisions

The planning decisions, previously circulated were noted.

Tree Matters

Cllr Donaldson reported on various tree matters.

Cllr Jones and Marks reported on ideas being raised to celebrate the Queens Green Canopy project by volunteers in the community. Cllr Jones and Marks had attended a meeting and the volunteer working group recognise there is a need to find the appropriate land, to explore the cultural aspects for the project and to properly communicate as a group and with the community. A follow up meeting had been arranged for the 10th March.

Cllr Donaldson reported that the ash tree at Filbridge Rise allotments which had already partially come down had been removed with the landowners permission. Cllr Jones shared that the verbal abuse and derogatory comments that Staff, Councillors and Allotment Committee members had been subject to regarding this had been unacceptable and should not be allowed to continue.

Cllr Reed passed on the thanks of a resident for the pruning back of a hazel tree at Chinnocks allotments by the Grounds Staff.

Any Other Planning Matters

There were no other planning matters to discuss.

21/22/289

RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

The Town Clerk advised that the Rights of Way Officer Alan Harrison had stepped down. It was agreed a letter would be sent to thank Alan for his incredible support over the years. Cllr Donaldson advised he felt it was imperative to find a new Rights of Way Officer as soon as possible.

Action:
Town Clerk

21/22/290

DORSET LOCAL PLAN DISCUSSION

Dorset Cllr Jones explained that, after consultation and a lot of people are not happy with the Local Plan. Dorset Council have written to MP Michael Gove to request a revision of the plan to create 1 or 2 new towns which will have the infrastructure to support the housing, rather than relying on 'pepper potting' developments which do not provide any infrastructure. Dorset Council are waiting for a response from Government and then it will need to go out to consultation again.

The Town Clerk advised she would find out more from DAPTC and other Town Councils and report back to Councillors.

Action:
Town Clerk

21/22/291 **REQUEST FROM ALPHA HOUSING TO ADOPT PARCEL OF LAND AT OLD MARKET WALK.**

A report had been previously circulated and was discussed. **The Committee recommended the proposal should be further investigated with a site visit and discussion with Alpha Housing.**

Cllr Rose
Cllr Reed

21/22/292 **CORRESPONDENCE**

1. An anonymous letter had been received implying the Council had not properly considered to two recent planning applications **The Committee wish to express in these minutes that, contrary to the suggestions in the anonymous letter, members of the Planning and Environment Committee had met within the Committee terms of reference, expressly to discuss these applications. Comments submitted were the result of a comprehensive discussion using all information available to them at the time.**

2. Yewstock School – the Town Clerk advised that Yewstock School had applied to Dorset Planning for a Certificate of Lawful Use to set up a Nurture Unit within the school grounds.

21/22/293 **TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported:

Blackmore Vale Veterinary Centre – the owner would like to purchase a piece of the land at the entrance splay to Butts Pond Industrial Estate to allow access to the back of the property. It was agreed to invite the owner to attend the next Town Council meeting.

Action:
Town Clerk

Free Car Parking Day Allocations – the Town Clerk asked the Council to consider which events they would like to allocate free car parking days to for future consideration.

Grounds Team – Tom Matthews will be leaving on 4th March after 12 years of service to join the grounds team at Bryanston School.

Community Gardens – the first phase of moving trees will start next week. Trees will be replanted at Riverside Meadows and Rixon Recreation Ground.

Pancake Race – 1st March. The clerk advised that a Town Council team seemed to have been entered into the race being held at 2pm in the War Memorial Recreation Ground and hoped Councillors would be able to take part.

Street Naming Policy – A list of possible local family names have been supplied by the Heritage Trust which could be used to form the basis of enquiries from developers for appropriate street names.

21/22/294 **INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

Cllr Donaldson – reported that the collapsing manhole cover at the Old Market Hill junction had been repaired very swiftly by Dorset Council Highways.

Cllr Fraser – observed that the new bollards at the Market Cross seating area were being installed, adding to the improved look of the site.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.18pm

Approved on 17 | 3 |

Chairman's Signature 