

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

Cllr N Dobson
Cllr A Donaldson (Chairman)
Cllr C Fraser
Cllr M Jones

Cllr P Marks
Cllr H Reed
Cllr G Rose (Vice Chairman)

In Attendance: Kate Squire (Town Clerk), Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk, by Zoom).
Members of the Public: 3

	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
21/22/314	PUBLIC SESSION Blackmore Vale Veterinary Centre – asked if Council would consider allowing them to purchase part of one of the splays at the entrance to Butts Pond Industrial Estate, which would give access to the back of their building. Another member of the public addressed the Council regarding the allotments, they were advised that the subject was more relevant to the Amenities Committee.	
21/22/315	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Cllr H Lacey and Cllr M Roake. The apologies were accepted by the members present.	
21/22/316	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
21/22/317	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 17th February 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.	Cllr Rose Cllr Fraser
21/22/318	PLANNING MATTERS PLANNING APPLICATIONS Application No: P/FUL/2021/05663 Location: Land at New Road New Road Broad Oak Sturminster Newton DT10 2HF Proposal: Erect 1 No. dwelling and double garage Observations: The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Jones Cllr Rose
	Application No: P/FUL/2022/01241 Location: A Hammond & Son Ltd Penny Street Sturminster Newton DT10 1DE Proposal: Demolish workshop building and erect 6no. dwellings with associated parking. Observations: No Objections - the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Policy 35 in Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	Cllr Jones Cllr Rose



Application No: P/FUL/2022/01143

Location: The Bull Common Lane The Bridge Dorset DT10 2BS

Proposal: Erect flood defensive walls and flood gates. Install barrier shutters to cellar doors and replace existing post and rail fence.

Observations: No Objections - the application is compliant with policies in Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan. Clearly there have been attempts to improve the aesthetics and the Council note and appreciate this.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Rose

Application No: P/LBC/2022/01142

Location: The Bull Common Lane The Bridge Dorset DT10 2BS

Proposal: Erect flood defensive walls and flood gates. Install barrier shutters to cellar doors and replace existing post and rail fence. Carry out internal and external alterations in association with this.

Observations: No Objections - the application is compliant with policies in Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan. Clearly there have been attempts to improve the aesthetics and the Council note and appreciate this.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Rose

Application No: P/FUL/2022/01147

Location: Worton House Church Street Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 1DB

Proposal: Change of use from Offices (Class B1(a)) to 1 No. Dwelling (Class C3), erect extension to form link to outbuilding and carry out associated alterations. Form 2 no. parking spaces.

Observations: No Objections, the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan. The Councillors comment also that it is nice to see industrial use moving out of town to create residential opportunities.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Rose

Application No: P/LBC/2022/01148

Location: Worton House Church Street Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 1DB

Proposal: Carry out internal and external alterations associated with the conversion of offices to 1 No. dwelling and erect extension to form link to outbuilding

Observations: No Objections, the application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan. The Councillors comment also that it is nice to see industrial use moving out of town to create residential opportunities.

Cllr Jones
Cllr Rose

Application No: P/FUL/2021/05269

Location: Road Lane Farm Bagber DT10 2HS

Proposal: Demolition of 4 no. small barns & erection of 1 no. barn

Observations: No Objections in principle if the barn will be for agricultural use and that the application is subject to the findings of the ecological survey at the end of summer. The Council would have serious concerns if the barn was used for commercial reasons.

Cllr Fraser
Cllr Rose



Planning Decisions

The planning decisions previously circulated, were noted.

Tree Matters

Cllr Donaldson reported on various tree matters.
In Storm Eunice a tree in the grounds of Nazareth Lodge had fallen across Church Walk and onto a resident's roof, the resident was concerned about another Silver Birch. Cllr Donaldson had visited the site with the Town Council Grounds Manager and referred the matter to the Dorset Council Tree Officer.

Any Other Planning Matters

Trailway Trees – Cllr Marks advised the Gas Board representative did not think the lime trees were of significant risk to the gas pipe, the pipes are now made of extremely malleable materials and less prone to damage.

There were no other planning matters to discuss.

21/22/319

RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

Cllr Jones confirmed there hadn't been a Rights of Way meeting since the last Planning & Environment Committee.

21/22/320

BLACKMORE VALE VETERINARY CENTRE

Having discussed the presentation made in the public session, in which the owner expressed the desire to purchase part of one of the splays to Butts Pond Industrial Estate.

The Committee recommended that the Town Clerk investigate this matter further and report back to the Committee.

Cllr Fraser
Cllr Marks

21/22/321

REQUEST FROM ALPHA HOUSING TO ADOPT PARCEL OF LAND AT OLD MARKET WALK

Cllr Rose and the Grounds Manager had met Alpha Housing on site to discuss the request as agreed by Council. Adoption of the land would allow Alpha Housing to install a more suitable fence and improve the parking issues for their residents. Alpha Housing also agreed to take on the paved area to the roadside of the site.

Cllr Rose proposed the Committee recommend the Town Clerk investigate and negotiate an outcome with Alpha Housing.

Cllr Rose
Cllr Fraser

21/22/322

CORRESPONDENCE

There was correspondence to discuss.

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TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE

The Town Clerk reported she had circulated the consultation paperwork for the proposed closure of Bath Road for the safer crossing works. Councillors asked for clarification of the diversions and timings and if the crossing was still in consultation. The Clerk will contact Dorset Council Highways Department and update Councillors.

The Clerk added that there had been an interim internal audit visit, a report will follow at the next Town Council meeting, but she did not anticipate any issues with the financial year end.

Action
Town Clerk



21/22/324

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Jones – works to the Trailway entrance are still progressing, as are the plans for the Butts Pond Industrial Estate noticeboard.

Cllr Reed – advised there were some damaged white bollards on Common Lane and could these be reported to the relevant authority.

Cllr Dobson – expressed congratulations to the Grounds staff for their excellent work creating the ‘dead hedge’ at the side of entrance to the Trailway to overcome the problems the Barnes Close residents were experiencing.

Cllr Marks – expressed an interest in discussing ecology and conservation as a future agenda item.

Cllr Fraser – advised he had planted a Cornus Kousa tree in the Railway Gardens on 11th March to celebrate the Queen’s Green Canopy project for the Jubilee.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.28pm

Approved on

Chairman’s Signature

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