

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
Held on 19th May 2022 at 7.15pm in the Council Chamber

Cllr P Batstone
Cllr A Donaldson (Vice Chairman)
Cllr C Fraser (Chairman)
Cllr M Jones

Cllr H Lacey
Cllr D Mantock
Cllr H Reed
Cllr J Rose

In Attendance: Kate Squire (Town Clerk) and Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)
Members of the Public: 0

	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
22/23/017	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present.	
22/23/018	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Cllr N Dobson and Cllr P Marks. The apologies were accepted by the members present.	
22/23/019	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr P Batstone declared an interest as Chair of Sturbiz and part of Sturminster Newton Community Benefit Society Ltd when discussing Agenda item 22/23/022.	
22/23/020	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 21st April 2022 were approved as a true and correct record.	Cllr Reed Cllr Donaldson
22/23/021	PLANNING MATTERS PLANNING APPLICATIONS <u>Planning Applications:</u> <u>P/HOU/2022/02774</u> Location: 11 Friars Moor Sturminster Newton Sturminster Newton DT10 1BH Proposal: Erect two storey side extension Observations: No objections in principle to the basic scheme but the Town Council does have some concerns over the colour of the cladding and would prefer natural cedar wood cladding. <u>Dorset Council Planning Decisions March – April 2022</u> - The planning decisions, having previously been circulated were noted and are attached to these minutes. <u>Other Planning Matters</u> Cllr Fraser read out sections of an email received from Dorset Council about their Scheme of Delegation process and Sturminster Newton Town Council responses. The office will circulate to all Councillors. Cllr Fraser suggested asking Dorset Councillor Jones to speak at the next Town Council meeting about the planning process. The majority of Councillors felt this would be useful to clarify the best way for the Town Council to submit useful comments to the planning department.	Cllr Fraser Cllr Donaldson Action: Office

22/23/022

USE OF MARKET CROSS SEATING AREA FOR MARKET STALLS

Speaking on behalf of Sturbiz and the Community Benefit Society, Cllr Batstone explained she had received complaints from businesses wanting the seating area to be used more for stalls on market days and town events. Discussion ensued regarding the practicalities of moving the Town Council benches, which would involve the grounds team. It was noted that Dorset Council owned the land. The Council concluded that the seating area was well used and the whole town was benefitting from the increased footfall. The benches could be moved by the grounds team for special events when space is at a premium.

22/23/023

RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

There were no rights of way matters to discuss. The Town Clerk advised that a meeting had been arranged for the following Tuesday.

22/23/024

CORRESPONDENCE

An email letter had been received from the Gardening Club thanking the Council for letting them use the area outside of Railway Gardens for their plant sale. It had been a successful event and they had raised £480.

22/23/025

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Reed – commented that the sturminsternewton.org website was very poor and information on it hard to find or not up to date, she asked who was responsible for it. Cllr Batstone advised that Jacqui Wragg was overseeing it and the Community Benefit Society were responsible for it.

Cllr Donaldson – As Tree Officer he advised he had nothing to report.

Cllr Batstone – advised she had attended a meeting regarding the Gillingham Royal Forest project, she hoped that the walks planned could incorporate the White Hart Link to market tourism in the towns featured. Cllr Lacey indicated she would be interested in being involved.

Cllr Lacey – noted Screwfix is opening at Rolls Mill Business Park.

Cllr Jones:

- advised he was very happy to help Adam put up the Town council logo stickers on planters in the town.
- He also mentioned Dorset Councillor Carole Jones had received some complaints concerning the Jubilee Path and when was it going to open. The Town Council had decided back in February 2019 not to go ahead with the transfer of land from Highwoods Developers. The office had also received a query about this, and it was agreed the office will send to Councillors the response sent to the resident enquiring. It was also suggested to take the signs down as they are no longer relevant.
- Benches outside the NFU – who was responsible for the area as it seems a shame that the benches are not shown off to full advantage. Cllr Rose advised the William Williams Charity own the offices but was not sure who was responsible for the upkeep of the seating area. He will raise at the next William Williams Trustee meeting.
- Cllr Fraser – noted Dorset Council had been seen looking at the footpath at the Bridge. It is thought they are monitoring for movement of the bank.

Action:
Office

Action:
Cllr J Rose



The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.07pm.

Approved on 21st Jan 2022

Chair's signature

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a surname, written over the dotted line for the chair's signature.

