

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
 held on Thursday 7th July 2022 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr P Batstone – arrived 7.40pm
 Cllr N Dobson
 Cllr A Donaldson
 Cllr C Fraser
 Cllr M Jones
 Cllr H Lacey

Cllr D Mantock
 Cllr P Marks
 Cllr H Reed
 Cllr J Rose

In Attendance: K Squire (Town Clerk) L Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk- by Zoom)

Members of the Public: 0

Minute No. Comments

RESOLUTION
*The proposer is
 named first followed
 by the seconder*

22/23/052 **PUBLIC SESSION**
 No members of the public present.

22/23/053 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
 Cllr Batstone had sent apologies as she would be late due to having to attend Shillingstone Parish Council meeting as Dorset Councillor first. Apologies had been received from Dorset Cllr C Jones. The apologies were accepted by the members present.

22/23/054 **DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS**
 No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received

22/23/055 **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
The minutes of the previous meeting held on 9th June 2022, having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Chairman as a true and correct record

Cllr Donaldson
 Cllr Rose

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

- **Amenities held on 16th June 2022**

There were no recommendations to consider.

22/23/056 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
Application No: P/HOU/2022/03776

Location: 47 Green Close Sturminster Newton DT10 1BL

Proposal: Enlargement of existing dormer windows to form one large dormer window to front elevation.

There was a discrepancy with regard to the wording of the proposal and the actual design. The Council were requested to consider and make comment on the design drawings.

Observations: No Objections.

Cllr Donaldson
 Cllr Rose

22/23/057 **POSSIBLE MANSTON ROAD DEVELOPMENT**



Discussion ensued on the possible development east of Manston Road. The Neighborhood Plan shows the area as unsuitable for development. Cllr Fraser had met with two residents of Manston Road and given advice on setting up a Residents' Association, to speak as one voice, using damage to the environment as the main thrust.

The Council resolved at the present time no action was required.

Cllr Fraser
Cllr Rose

22/23/058

ALPHA HOUSING – PURCHASE OF STRIP OF TOWN LAND

Discussed in confidential session at the end of the meeting.

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CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to consider.

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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported as follows:

Cemetery Mapping - the office will be closed on Tuesday 12th July to concentrate of checking the details of the digital cemetery map.

Summer Litter Pick – a good response from volunteers has been received and this will be organised soon.

Staff and Councillors Lunch Party – Staff and Councillors will have an informal get together after work on Friday 15th July.

Union Flag Standard – the British Legion advised there is a competition to win a Union Flag Standard. It was agreed to enter - the Town Clerk will action.

Action:
Town Clerk

22/23/061

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported that Deputy Mayor had attended the Chickerell Civic Day last week.

22/23/063

INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr Marks – Met with the Open Spaces Queens Green Canopy Project organiser. The group have lots of ideas for the summer which he will summarise in a report and circulate.

Cllr Mantock – asked if anything could be done about the state of Colber Bridge. The Town Clerk will contact Hinton St Mary Estate.

Cllr Lacey – Asked if anyone had an update on the resurfacing work at Brinsley Close. The Town Clerk advised that this had been postponed due to issues with the contractor working for Dorset Council.

Cllr Batstone –

- Had attended an interesting event regarding discoveries of the archeological dig at the site of the Hinton St Mary Mosaic.
- Reported that Sturbuzz are holding a community fete at the end of August to tie in with the plans of the Open Spaces Group.

Cllr Donaldson –

- Had also attended the Mosaic event.
- Resurfacing of Brinsley Close and Ingrams – residents experiencing difficulties as the dates for the works keep changing.
- Planning application for Hammonds Yard – the Northern Area Committee considered this. Planning permission was granted. It was noted Sturminster had a very good Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Rose – reported he had a scam email purporting to be Dorset Council and warned other Councillors to be vigilant.

Action:
Town Clerk

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS



In exercise of the power conferred by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2) members of the public and press will be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted being of a confidential nature it is likely that personal and/or exempt information would otherwise be improperly disclosed, and members would feel unable to discuss the matter freely.

Cllr Reed
Cllr Fraser

22/23/058 **Confidential Item** – Purchase of a strip of land.
Confidential minute.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.27pm

Approved on Date

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