

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**  
**MEETING**

held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr P Batstone

Cllr N Dobson

Cllr A Donaldson – Deputy Mayor

Cllr C Fraser - Chairman

Cllr H Lacey - Mayor

Cllr D Mantock


Cllr H Reed

Cllr J Rose Vice Chairman

In Attendance: Dorset Cllr C Jones, Kate Squire (Town Clerk) and L Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Members of the Public: 1

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>The proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
23/24/20	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> A member of the public suggested the need for a Town Plan ( <i>which is to be discussed under Agenda item 23/24/24</i> ) which could provide current evidence-based needs of the area and to link in with agencies to provide solutions to those needs. This could also 'dovetail' with any community engagement programme and the review of Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.	
23/24/21	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Cllr M Jones and Cllr P Marks. The apologies were accepted by the members present.	
23/24/22	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</b> No declarations of interests had been declared and no written dispensations received.	
23/24/23	<b>MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS</b> <b>The minutes of the previous Planning &amp; Environment meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> March 2023, having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting, were taken as read and approved for signature by the Committee Chairman as a true and correct record.</b>	Cllr Batstone Cllr Donaldson
23/24/24	<b>TOWN PLAN</b> The Council acknowledged the comments made in the Public Session and discussed how this could work. It was suggested that a directory of services was needed but it was not the role of the Town Council to provide services that should be run by the NHS or Dorset Council. The existing members of the Community Engagement Working Group would discuss options and report back to Council. The Town Clerk suggested a Community Networking event as part of the Mayors Civic Year would also be useful.	



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**PLANNING MATTERS  
PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

Application No: P/FUL/2023/02087

Location: Barrow View Farm Broad Oak Dorset DT10 2HG

Proposal: Demolition of existing farm buildings & erection of 3no. dwellings

**Observations:**

**No Objections.**

Application No: P/HOU/2023/00813

Location: Land North East Of Jessamine Cottage Chapel Road Bagber Common

Proposal: Erect Garage with Garden Store

**Objections:**

**No Objections on the proviso that the garage and garden store are not used as a residence without planning permission.**

Application No: P/FUL/2023/02140

Location: Lancefield Bath Road Sturminster Newton Dorset DT10 1EB

Proposal: Erection of garage bloc

**Objections:**

**No Objections subject to Highways Officer's report.**

**PLANNING DECISIONS**

Planning decisions made between 17 March – 18 May 2023 were noted.

**ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

There were no other planning matters to discuss.

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**TOWN CLERK'S UPDATE**

Riverside Festival, Riverside Meadow – The Clerk advised organisers of the Riverside Festival asked if it can be held again this year in the middle of August. It is anticipated to be a bigger event, and the Grounds Manager had concerns about access. The Council agreed the event could take place but asked to Clerk to contact Highways to check access concerns and advise the organisers of Highways recommendations. An appropriate alcohol licence was being applied for and the Clerk will check a music licence is also obtained.

Barriers at A357

A Highways Engineer at Dorset Council would like to update the Council on progress on the problems at the bridge and will be in contact to present the proposed works.

Lairage Field

The Clerk is due to meet with the developers of the Lairage Field. She has suggested they meet the Council to talk about their development ideas as soon as this is possible.

Action:  
Town Clerk



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**INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

*Cllr Lacey* – noted the road markings at Rolls Mill Industrial Estate needed attention. Dorset Cllr Jones advised this was down to the management of Rolls Mill. Cllr Lacey had also received complaints about the number of people parking on Bath Road and asked that this be put on a future agenda.

*Cllr Donaldson* – advised on several planning and tree matters. He had also been dealing with a lighting problem at Goughs Close and complaints about various potholes.

*Cllr Reed* – advised the 50mph sign at Rolls Mill had disappeared. The Clerk will report to Highways.

Action:  
Town Clerk

*Cllr Mantock*: - enquired if there were any plans for a Coronation legacy? The Clerk suggested lighting in the Railway Gardens. It was also thought that suggestions could be sought from the schools. The Clerk asked Council for suggestions.

Action:  
Town Clerk

*Cllr Fraser* – noted potholes at the bridge had been filled.

*Dorset Cllr Jones* – requested the Council to research the process for creating a 20mph zone from the bridge to the traffic lights at Old Market Hill. This will be raised at the next Planning & Environment meeting.

Action:  
Town Clerk

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25pm

Approved on ..... 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 .....

Chairman's Signature .....  .....



