

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL

held on Thursday 2nd November 2023 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:	Cllr M Jones
Cllr P Batstone – arrived 7.43pm	Cllr H Lacey - Chairman
Cllr L Cooper	Cllr P Marks
Cllr N Dobson	Cllr H Reed – left the meeting at 7.50pm
Cllr A Donaldson – Vice Chairman	Cllr J Rose
Cllr C Fraser	

In Attendance: K Squire (Town Clerk) and L Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk by Zoom) and Dorset Councillor C Jones.

Members of the public: 2

Minute No.	Comments	RESOLUTION <i>The proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
23/24/175	PUBLIC SESSION The Chairman of the Allotment Association requested a meeting with the Council to discuss Section 106 developer contributions. This will be arranged with Chairman of Amenities Cllr P Marks.	
23/24/176	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies had been received from Cllr D Mantock. The apologies were accepted by the members present.	Cllr Fraser Cllr Dobson
23/24/177	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
23/24/178	MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING The minutes of the previous Town Council meeting held on 5 th October 2023 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 Fraser
23/24/179	PLANNING APPLICATIONS Application No: P/HOU/2023/04006 Location: Penny Cottage Penny Street Sturminster Newton DT10 1DE Proposal: Apply external cladding Observations: No Objections subject to the comments of the Conservation Officer. Application No: P/HOU/2023/05931 Location: Yards End Newton Hill Newton DT10 2DQ Proposal: Erect single storey link extension & raise the ridge of the garage roof to convert loft space to form annexe Observations: No Objections. For information only: Application No: P/NMA/2023/05908 Location: Land at E 379300 N 114185 Bull Ground Lane Sturminster Newton Proposal: Non-material amendment - erect sheds in lieu of garages for	Cllr Rose Cllr Fraser Cllr Donaldson Cllr Fraser



	<p>Plots 21-24, 49-50 and 54-56; combine single garages into twin garages for Plots 5 & 6, 28 & 29, 30 & 37, 31 & 32, 77 & 78, 96 & 97; re-site garage for Plot 89; to Planning Permission No. 2/2019/1801/FUL (Demolish farm buildings and erect 98 No. dwellings, form vehicular access from Elm Close and Bull Ground Lane, public open space, allotments and associated infrastructure).</p> <p>Application No: P/FUL/2023/03895 Location: Banbury Cross Boarding Kennels And Cattery Angers Lane Fiddleford DT10 2BY Proposal: Erect stable & form new vehicular access Observations: Noted and no objections.</p>	<p>Cllr Donaldson Cllr Rose</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson Cllr Fraser</p>
23/24/180	<p>DESIGN OF HANGING SIGN FOR COUNCIL OFFICES The Council resolved to approve the previously circulated design for the sign for the Council offices. Cllr Jones advised the sign would need a strong bracket and chain to be hung from and the Council agreed a maximum of £600 could be spent. The Council expressed their thanks for Cllr Jones for his work on this project.</p>	<p>Cllr Fraser Cllr Reed</p>
23/24/181	<p>RE-ADOPTION OF POLICIES The Council resolved to readopt the following policies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Co-option policy • GDPR policy • Health & Safety policy 	<p>Cllr Rose Cllr Reed</p> <p>Cllr Reed Cllr Cooper</p> <p>Cllr Donaldson Cllr Reed</p>
23/24/182	<p>FIXED ASSET LIST The fixed asset list had been previously circulated. The Council resolved to approve the fixed asset list subject to clarification on the value of the Civic Regalia, Rural District Charter and Embroidery The Town Clerk will check this with the insurers.</p>	<p>Cllr Reed Cllr Dobson</p> <p>Action: Town Clerk</p>
23/24/183	<p>CORRESPONDENCE There was no correspondence to consider.</p>	
23/24/184	<p>TOWN CLERK'S REPORT The Town Clerk reported as follows: <u>Electricity points in the Railway Gardens</u> – this project will be started on Friday 3rd November. <u>Highways issues</u> – the Clerk had met with with Amanda Penfold Highways Officer to discuss a variety of highway issues. She will report back at a later date.</p>	
23/24/185	<p>TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT The Mayor reported as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • She had attended a meeting with Dorset Police – and found out the Council can expect a monthly report from a local inspector. Also, there is a rural police van which can be requested for events. • The Mayor had attended the Kyiv Ballet at The Exchange and the Dorset Legal Service reception in Dorchester. • Remembrance Sunday – requested Councillors to let the office know if they would be attending. 	



23/24/186	DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT Cllr Carole Jones reported: <u>Works at The Mill</u> – works have been going well but have now stopped due to the rise in river levels. They will be rewilding the banks with wild meadow seeds. <u>Dorset Council Digital Strategy</u> – Dorset Council are working on their 5GRuralDorset project - research and development project aimed at understanding how 5G can make Dorset a better place to live, work and visit. <u>Market Town Regeneration</u> – Dorset Council will be working with market towns on ideas for economic regeneration. <u>Grid capacity</u> – the Council have a working group investigating increasing grid capacity for Dorset.	
23/24/187	INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS <i>Cllr Donaldson:</i> several complaints had been received about the town clock with different times on the 2 faces of the clock. The Clerk advised it is due a service and she is awaiting confirmation of the date.	

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.56pm

Approved on Chairman's Signature

