

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING

held on Thursday 21st March 2024 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr P Batstone

Cllr L Cooper

Cllr N Dobson

Cllr A Donaldson

Cllr C Fraser - Chair

Cllr M Jones

Cllr H Lacey

Cllr H Reed

Cllr J Rose – Vice Chair

In Attendance: J Drew (Finance Officer).

Members of the Public: One.

Minute No.	Comments
23/24/285	PUBLIC SESSION There was one member of the public present who wished to raise issues relating to speeding on the A357 at Bagber.
23/24/286	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr D Mantock, Cllr P Marks and Town Clerk Kate Squire. The apologies were accepted by the members present.
23/24/287	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No declarations of interests had been declared and no written dispensations received.
23/24/288	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 15 February 2024, 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.
23/24/289	PLANNING MATTERS PLANNING APPLICATIONS P/NMA/2024/00913 Land at Bull Ground Lane, Sturminster Newton. Non material amendment – for information only. PLANNING DECISIONS A report was given on planning decisions made between 15 February 2024 and 10 March 2024. The Council noted the decisions made. ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS Ralph Down Farm, Sturminster Newton. Councillors had requested more information be obtained to make an informed decision. To date this has not been forthcoming. A further date extension will be required.



22/23/290

TO CONSIDER WATER TESTING OF THE RIVER STOUR

Cllr Fraser addressed the committee regarding water testing on the River Stour. At the present time testing no testing is being done by Dorset Council and little is done by The Environment Agency. If the Council were interested in collecting data they would need to fund and carry this out themselves. The committee decided not to persue water testing at this time, but this could be revisited in the future.

22/23/291

TO CONSIDER SPEEDING AT BAGBER

Due to two recent road traffic incidents at Bagber the committee felt the need for an extension to the current 40mpg speed limits still remains despite the results of the recent speed survey. The Committee requested that a formal request be sent to Dorset Council Highways to arrange a meeting on this issue, with an invitation extended to Dorset Councillor Jones.

22/23/292

TO CONSIDER THE REQUEST FROM NEWTON RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION TO SUPPORT THE SLOW-DOWN INITIATIVE

Cllr Batstone reported on the initiative. Once the roadworks are completed on Glue Hill, data will need to be collected. The Police and Crime Commissioner is making funding available for signage. The item will be reconsidered at a later date.

22/23/293

TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS AND PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE BUSINESS

Cllr Donaldson – reported on tree matters. He was also trying to locate the fingerpost sign to St Marys Church which had previously been positioned outside the 1855 building.
Cllr Batstone – reported on the continuing problems around the road closure at Glue Hill.
Cllr Reed- problems with the commercial waste lorry collections at the White Hart during school travel times in the mornings.
Cllr Jones – has been informed by the Community Buildings Trust that the new Council Offices sign needs to be erected by Hammonds Building Contractors due to health and safety. He and the Clerk are in the process of arranging this.
Cllr Lacey – Reported that Gigaclear are causing issues by parking inconsiderately in the Town.
Cllr Dobson – Alterations will be required on the Neighbourhood Plan to accommodate Aldi. The Council should do everything possible to assist them.
Cllr Fraser – reported that there had been criminal damage in Station Road toilets in the last week. This had been reported to the Police.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 8.12pm

Approved on 18th APRIL

Chairman's Signature 

