

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
MEETING
held on Thursday 27th June 2024 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber

Present:

Cllr P Batstone

Cllr A Donaldson - Chair

Cllr C Fraser

Cllr M Jones

Cllr H Lacey

Cllr D Mantock – Vice Chair

Cllr J Matthews

Cllr J Rose

In Attendance: L Plumridge (Deputy Town Clerk), J Drew (Admin Officer).

Members of the Public: 0

Minute No.	Comments
24/25/068	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public attended.
24/25/069	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr N Dobson and Cllr P Marks. The apologies were accepted by the members present.
24/25/070	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No declarations of interests had been declared and no written dispensations received.
24/25/071	MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING The minutes of the previous Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 23 May 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.
24/25/072	PLANNING MATTERS PLANNING APPLICATIONS P/RES/2024/02595 Land at The Bull Tavern, Common Lane, The Bridge, Sturminster Newton. No objection – suggest the road is constructed to adoption standard. P/MPO/2024/03093 Lower Bagber Farm, Pentridge Lane, Bagber. Objection – assuming the planning application of 9.11.09 is still valid, objections to the discharge of the 106 agreement. REPORT ON DECISIONS OF DORSET COUNCIL A report of planning decisions made between 22 May 2024 and 19 June 2024. The Council noted the decisions made. ANY OTHER PLANNING MATTERS None. TREE MATTERS None.
24/25/073	UPDATE ON 'SLOW DOWN' INITIATIVE AND SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE GUIDELINES AND AGREE FURTHER ACTIONS



Cllr Batstone reported that the Town Council were not eligible for the 'Slow Down initiative. However, we could purchase a further Speed Indicator Device (SID) at £2595 + VAT and move the two SID between nominated sites in the town, with three more proposed sites suggested. Speed surveys would need to be commissioned for these three sites as the first stage for this.

The Committee recommended the commission of Speed Surveys in three areas to assess the necessity of buying another SID.

24/25/074

AGREE TO THE INSTALLATION OF AN ACCESS STRIP OF MATTING ON THE GRASSED AREA AT THE END OF THE FOOTPATH AT DROVERS ONTO THE JUBILEE PATH

The Grounds Manager has located some matting that could be laid on the grassed area to assist crossing this area.

The Committee recommended that this should be completed. To be considered at the next Town Council meeting.

24/25/075

TO RECEIVE INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS AND DISCUSS PROPOSALS FOR FUTURE BUSINESS

Cllr Mantock – Colber Bridge is still very overgrown and needs urgent attention. The Committee asked that this be an item at the next P & E committee meeting.

Cllr Donaldson – after no action from Dorset Council, he had removed weeds from around his property and along The Row.

Had contacted Dorset Waste Management regarding the dumped mattress in the layby at Ralph Down. This has now been collected.

He noted that there is a reduction initiative for Car Park charges in place in Swanage, Weymouth and Lyme Regis. The hope was expressed that the resulting loss of income would not result in increased parking charges/payable hours in car parks in North Dorset.

Cllr Jones – Had visited the Mill and had been told that the back door does not need replacement, but some repairs will be needed.

Cllr Lacey – the street light in The Row has been repaired.

The Library will now have new opening hours from 1 July.

The Brothers Bench has been removed due to anti social behaviour. It is being stored by the Estate as it was on their land.

Cllr Fraser – The Marnhull Neighbourhood Plan has been sent to the Town Council as it is a neighbouring parish.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 7.58pm.

Approved on 18/7/24

Chairman's Signature 