

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 15 JULY 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER



PRESENT:

Cllr P Batstone
Cllr L Cooper
Cllr A Donaldson (Chair)
Cllr L Jackson
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr P Marks
Cllr J Rose
Cllr S Trim

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 5

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| 26/27/087 | To receive comments and questions from members of the public
Members of the public spoke in opposition to the proposed change of use of Coles Close green space to allotments: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The gardens of Rixon Close are small and children have recently started using the green space instead of balls going into neighbouring gardens, so it is more peaceful.• Land should be found elsewhere for the allotments.• Parking at Rixon Close is a problem and parking times should be restricted.• The weather this summer has meant the children are now using the green space as Rixon Recreation Ground is too far away for the children to safely go to play unsupervised. |
| 26/27/088 | Apologies for absence
Apologies were received from Cllr Fraser who was unwell. These apologies were accepted by members. |
| 26/27/089 | To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation
No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received. |
| 26/27/090 | To approve the minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 20 May 26
The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 20 th May 2026 having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair. |

26/27/091 Planning Matters

Planning Applications for consideration:

- P/FUL/2026/03275 - Sturminster Newton Football Club, Honeymead Lane, DT10 1EW

Proposal: Erection of spectator stand

No objection

Report on planning decisions of Dorset Council 15 May 26 – 10 Jul 26

Planning decisions of Dorset Council 15 May 26 – 10 Jul 26 were noted

Any other planning matters

The Committee noted that application P/FUL/2025/03574 Land North of Castle Avenue Okeford Fitzpaine had been refused and was going to appeal.

Cllr Donaldson updated on the following planning matters:

- Dorset Council Highways have now commented on application P/OUT/2026/02464 Land At E 377865 N 113155 Hillcrest Close Sturminster Newton.
- The application for P/OUT/2025/06076 Land off Manston Road Sturminster Newton DT10 1AF is being considered by the Dorset Council Northern Area Planning Committee on the 4th August 26 and he would register to speak on behalf of the Town Council as agreed.
- Dorset Councillor Jones has been following up on the ALDI supermarket plans.
- Dorset Council enforcement have yet to take action regarding the shop front for Kings Barber or the garden room on Glue Hill operating as a business.

Tree Matters

Cllr Cooper reported that the willow growing out of Colber Bridge is due to be removed shortly.

26/27/092 To receive information from members and proposals for future business

Cllr Lacey – reported that the yellow road markings at The Row had finally been re-painted.

Cllr Donaldson – reported that the Dorset Council Planning Forum he was due to attend, had been cancelled.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.46pm

Chairs SignatureDate Approved