

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING**  
Held on **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2020** in the Council Chamber at 7.15 pm

Present :

Councillor S Bevis	Councillor H Lacey (Mayor)
Councillor N Dobson	Councillor M Roake
Councillor A Donaldson	Councillor G Rose
Councillor C Fraser	Councillor R Taylor
Councillor M Jones (Deputy Mayor)	

Absent: Cllr J Janes and Cllr H Reed

In attendance: Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk) and Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Minute No.	COMMENTS	RESOLUTION
TC/01/20	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present.	for each item the proposer is named first followed by the seconder
TC/02/20	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllrs Janes and Reed. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.	
TC/03/20	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr. Roake declared an interest in Agenda item 5.4	
TC/04/20	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING <b>The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 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.</b>	Cllr Taylor Cllr Donaldson
TC/05/20	CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS  2019/1480/FUL 02/12/2019 Mr Howbrook Bull Ground Lane Sturminster Newton DT10 <b>Proposal :</b> Erect 1 no. dwelling and 1 no. agricultural workshop/barn. (Demolish farm building). <b>Sturminster Newton Town Council comment : No Objections</b> <b>The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.</b>	Cllr Taylor Cllr Donaldson
	Cllr Bevis joined the meeting at 19.20	
	2/2019/1509/FUL 11/12/2019 Mr O Wilkins Old Bank House Market Cross DT10 1AN <b>Proposal :</b> Change of use of offices (B1A) to Restaurant (A3) and erect rear extension.  <b>Sturminster Newton Town Council comment : No Objections</b> <b>The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.</b>	Cllr Taylor Cllr Donaldson

Chair's initials



2019/1679/LBC 18/12/2019  
Mr and Mrs Crawford  
The Coach House  
Church Street  
Sturminster Newton  
DT10 1DB

**Proposal:** Remove and replace French doors and first floor window and carry out associated external alterations.

**Sturminster Newton Town Council comment : No Objections  
The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Fraser

2019/1667/VARIA 17/12/2019  
A K H Heating  
Rivers Corner  
to Salkeld Bridge Lane  
Rivers Corner  
DT10 2AB

**Proposal:** Demolish existing garage and office buildings. Erect 1 No. dwelling and garage/carport.

(Amended scheme to Planning Permission 2/2019/0385/FUL Variation of condition No. 2 - Approved Drawings and 4 - Materials; to allow timber sliding sash windows in the natural (Marnhull Stone) element of the building.

**Sturminster Newton Town Council comment: No Objections  
The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Donaldson  
Cllr Jones

TC/06/20

i. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS

The list of payments detailed below and checked by Cllrs Donaldson and Rose were **APPROVED**.

ii. BUDGET COMPARISON

The Budget Comparison as at 30<sup>th</sup> November 2019 was noted including interest on savings account.

iii. VIREMENTS

There were no budget virements to consider.

Cllr Rose  
Cllr Dobson

TC/07/20

TOWN COUNCIL BUSINESS PLAN for 2020-2024

After the contents of the Business Plan previously circulated were considered The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Business Plan.

Cllr Roake  
Cllr Jones

TC/08/20

COMPLIMENTS AND COMPLAINTS POLICY

After the contents of the previously circulated Compliments and Complaints Policy were considered The Council **RESOLVED** to adopt the Compliments and Complaints Policy.

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Rose

TC/09/20

DORSET COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Council noted Dorset Councillor Jones's report that had been circulated prior to the meeting. The report is included at the end of these minutes.

TC/10/20

TOWN MAYOR'S REPORT

The Town Mayor reported on civic duties over the Christmas period. She and Cllr Donaldson were assisting residents in The Row



with a drainage problem. Cllr Lacey also commented that the Town Clerk would update the meeting on the A357 railings, repairs to the Bridge and the trough.

TC/11/20

**TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**

A357 – Railings – The Town Clerk reported that a Dorset Council Highways Engineer had been to the site as there have been considerable landslips since Christmas. He has advised that a redesign to arrest the problems is necessary and this will take some time to implement. Dorset Highways will install more robust temporary barriers in light of this delay. The recommended option is to install wooden rails and post as an interim measure.

Repairs to the Bridge – The Town Clerk reported that she has been unable to secure a repair date for the bridge. The Town Clerk will send a formal complaint to Jack Wiltshire, Head of Highways Dorset Council

VE Celebrations – The Town Clerk reported that the British Legion are interested in planning a picnic in the Railway Gardens on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May.

Fountain and Trough – The Town Clerk reported that guidance is required from the Conservation Officer regarding the repairs necessary as it has listed building status. A further update will be provided to the Amenities Committee.

TC/12/20

**DAPTC AND NALC**

The Town Clerk has been in contact with the DAPTC and is waiting for their training schedule to be released. The schedule will be circulated when it becomes available.

TC/12/20

**CORRESPONDENCE**

The letter from Dorset Council reference the heathlands consultation, having previously been circulated, was noted.

TC/13/20

**MEMBER INFORMATION**

*Cllr Jones* – has been attending the monthly surgeries, one topic raised was whether the gravel by the chapel could be resurfaced. The Town Clerk will review with the Grounds Manager.

*Cllr Lacey* – 2 benches were vandalised on New Year's Eve.

Approved on .....

6/2/2020

Chair's signature .....



The meeting was declared closed at 8.35pm

Chair's initials

