

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Thursday 23rd March 2020 in the Council Chamber at 7.15 pm

Present :

Councillor N Dobson
Councillor A Donaldson
Councillor G Rose

Councillor H Lacey (Mayor)
Councillor H Reed
Councillor R Taylor

Absent : Councillors S Bevis, C Fraser , M Jones, M Roake and J Janes

In attendance: Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk)

RESOLUTION
for each item the
proposer is named first
followed by the seconder

- TC/52/20 PUBLIC SESSION
No comments were made or questions asked.
- TC/53/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Bevis, Jones, Roake and Fraser
The Council Resolved to accept these apologies
- TC/54/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS
No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.
- TC/55/20 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING
The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on the 5th March 2020, 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.
- TC/56/20 COVID -19 BUISNESS CONTINUITY ARRANGEMENTS

Following consideration of the report previously circulated by the Town Clerk.
The Council RESOLVED that:
- i. The Clerk shall have delegated authority to make decisions on behalf of the Council where such decisions cannot reasonably be deferred and must be made in order to comply with a commercial or statutory deadline.**
 - ii. The Clerk will submit a summary response to Dorset Council of any planning applications, having consulted with a minimum of 3 councillors and having secured agreement from the Chairman of the Planning and Environment Committee**
 - iii. All purchases and payments, already allowed for within the budget, will be made by the Clerk as the Responsible Finance Officer. These will be made at the appropriate time in order to maintain the services of the Council, to fulfil contractual obligations or to prevent any late charges**
 - iv. A budget from the General Reserve of £5000 will be allocated to support specific purchases relating to the Council's response to Covid-19.**

Cllr Reed
Cllr Donaldson

Cllr Taylor
Cllr Reed

Chair's initials



The delegations will remain in place until the Government lifts the restrictions imposed to deal with Covid-19.

Clr Donaldson
Clr Reed

The meeting was declared closed at 7.30pm

Approved on

Chair's signature



Chair's initials

