

# STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

Held on **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November 2019** in the Council Chamber at 7.15 pm

Present :

Councillor A Donaldson

Councillor M Roake

Councillor J Janes

Councillor G Rose

Councillor M Jones (Deputy Mayor)

Councillor R Taylor

Councillor H Lacey (Mayor)

Absent: Cllr C Fraser, Cllr S Bevis, Cllr H Reed

In attendance: Mrs Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk) and Kate Squire (Finance Officer) and 6 members of the public

Minute No. COMMENTS

RESOLUTION

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

TC/176/19

PUBLIC SESSION

6 members of the public were present.

The Chair of the board of Stour Management Dorset Ltd spoke regarding the restructure and relaunch of the former Sturquest Enterprises prior to the Town Council's discussion later in agenda item 8.

A member of the public commented regarding the budget setting and annual expenses. The Town Mayor explained the procedure the Town Council has for setting the budget and thanked him for his observations.

Another member of the public introduced himself and expressed an interest in becoming a Town Councillor in the future.

TC/177/19

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs Fraser, Bevis and Reed. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.

TC/178/19

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

Cllr Roake declared an interest in planning application number 4 and would consequently abstain from discussions and voting.

TC/179/19

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

**The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> October 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.**

Cllr. Taylor  
Cllr. Donaldson

TC/180/19

RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEE MEETINGS

i. Finance & Personnel Committee 24<sup>th</sup> October 2019

**There were no recommendations to approve.**

TC/181/19

CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

<b>1</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
	<b>2019/10/01</b>	2/2019/1328/FUL	
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
	Mr Barwick	Red Barns	Through Road from
	Bagber	Bagber	
			Brdge
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102EY

Chair's initials



Install 2 no. dormer windows and 1 no. timber framed porch and other alterations to dwelling permitted under application no.2/2019/0534/SDCDW

**No Objections.**

**The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Donaldson

<b>2</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> <b>2019/10/02</b>	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/1368/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>
<i>Applicant</i> Mrs Powell	<i>House Name</i> The Cottage	<i>Road</i> Gotts Corner	
<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT10 1DD	

Erect 1 no. single storey extension (demolish conservatory)

**No Objections.**

**The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr Donaldson  
Cllr Rose

<b>3</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> <b>2019/10/03</b>	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/1451/PDT	<i>Site Reference</i>
<i>Applicant</i> BT PHONE BOXES	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	
<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i>	

Removal of 18 telephone boxes across North Dorset, 1 affecting Sturminster Newton - Broad Oak

**No Objections**

Cllr. Donaldson  
Cllr. Taylor

<b>4</b>	<i>Plan Number</i> <b>2019/10/04</b>	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2019/0385/FUL	<i>Site Reference</i>
<i>Applicant</i> Mr Trowbridge Salkeld Bridg	<i>House Name</i> AKH Heating Rivers Corner	<i>Road</i> Rivers Corner to	
<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102AB	

Demolish existing garage and office buildings. Erect 1 no. dwelling and garage/carport.

**No Objections.**

**The application was previously considered in May and no objections were made. The new proposals are not in breach of any material planning considerations and are compliant with Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.**

Cllr. Taylor  
Cllr. Donaldson



TC/182/19	<p>i. APPROVAL OF PAYMENTS <b>The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the payments.</b></p> <p>ii. BUDGET COMPARISON <b>The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the budget comparison as at the 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019.</b></p> <p>iii. VIREMENTS <b>No budget virements were proposed.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Rose Cllr Jones</p> <p>Cllr Jones Cllr Taylor</p>
TC/183/19	<p>STOUR MANAGEMENT DORSET LTD The Council considered the contents of previously circulated correspondence received from Stour Management Dorset Ltd and information given verbally in the public session. <b>The Council nominated Councillor Jones as a representative of the Town Council to the Board of Stour Management Dorset Ltd for the remainder of the term of the Council.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Donaldson Cllr Rose</p>
TC/184/19	<p>DAFFODIL BULB PLANTING Having considered the contents of a report previously circulated. <b>The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the request from the Sturminster Newton Economic Development Society to plant 1000 wild daffodil bulbs along the Trailway.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Donaldson Cllr Jones</p>
TC/185/19	<p>SLIDE AT RIXON RECREATION GROUND Having considered the contents of a report previously circulated. <b>The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the purchase of a replacement slide for Rixon Recreation Ground.</b></p>	<p>Cllr Taylor Cllr Rose</p>
TC/186/19	<p>DORSET COUNCILLORS REPORT The Council noted the Dorset Councillors report which had been circulated prior to the meeting. Cllr Lacey asked Councillors to encourage people to report all minor road traffic incidents to the police on 101 to build up a picture of problem areas.</p>	
TC/187/19	<p>TOWN MAYORS REPORT Cllr Lacey the Town Mayor reported that her civic morning, a networking event focusing on the elderly and dementia, had been received very well. She added that working with Stour Connect and getting people from various organisations together had been a really positive experience. She hoped to do a similar event aimed at young people in the Spring. She also reminded the Council of the Remembrance Services on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> and Monday the 11<sup>th</sup>.</p>	
TC/188/19	<p>TOWN CLERKS REPORT <i>Councillor Vacancy</i> – The co-option process for the vacancy will be advertised from Friday and considered at the December Town Council Meeting. Cllr Donaldson commented that he felt co-opted Councillors should be mentored by an experienced Councillor to give help and support. <i>Budget</i> – The second draft of the budget will be considered at Finance and Personnel on the 28<sup>th</sup> November to be approved at the December Town Council Meeting. <i>Planning</i> – The next planning meeting will feature a Highways Session with 2 representatives from Dorset Council attending. The Christmas Tree will be installed on Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> November.</p>	
TC/189/19	<p>DAPTC AND NALC The Town Clerk had circulated a NALC email launching their guide to</p>	



loneliness.

Cllr Jones reported regarding the DAPTC conference recently attended by himself and Cllr Fraser.

Cllr Janes reported regarding DAPTC training he had recently attended.

TC/190/19

CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk shared an email, which upon investigation was a lobbying group concerned with wind generation. This was not a project the Town Council wished to pursue.

TC/191/19

MEMBER INFORMATION

Cllr Donaldson – Updated the Council regarding issues between Barclays Bank and the Post Office which seemed to have been resolved. He reported that he had attended a meeting of the Trailway Group. He also confirmed that the Literary Festival Committee are making plans to hold another event next June.

Cllr Janes - asked if provisions were being made for the Platinum Jubilee. The Town Clerk advised that this would be covered as part of the Civic budget for the relevant year.

Cllr Roake – notified the Town Council that Sturfit were still waiting for the asset transfer from Dorset Council. He also advised that Sturfit were looking for additional trustees.

Cllr Jones – Updated the Town Council regarding the meeting of the Trailway Group and plans for enhancement of the entrance.

Cllr Lacey – Reminded the Town Council of the Christmas Light switch on, this will be done by Paul Young and Jamie Moses of Los Pacaminos. She encouraged all to attend the Christmas event as lots in the town.

TC/192/19

EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

**In exercise of the power conferred by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2) the Committee RESOLVED that member of the public and press be excluded from the Meeting on the grounds that the business to be transacted being of a confidential nature it is likely that personal and/or exempt information would otherwise be improperly disclosed and members would feel unable to discuss the matter freely.**

Cllr Taylor  
Cllr Rose

TC/193/19

LAND MATTER

Having fully considered the report previously circulated to the members.  
**The Council RESOLVED not to pursue the sale of land.**

Cllr Donaldson  
Cllr Roake

Meeting closed at 21.08

Payments

DAPTC Member Training £40.00

Lyreco Stationery £44.93

Partnership Fire & Security Call Out £116.40

SSE Contracting Ltd Street Light Replacements £2445.28

Approved on

S/12/19

Chair's signature



Chair's initials

