

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on **Thursday 19th September** in the Council Chamber at 7.15pm

Present:

Councillor S Bevis

Councillor A Donaldson

Councillor C Fraser – Chairman

Councillor J Janes

Councillor M Roake

Councillor J Rose

Councillor R Taylor – Vice Chairman

Absent: Cllrs Lacey, Jones, Reed and Chater.

In attendance: Alan Harrison (Co-opted Footpaths Officer), Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk),

Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

Members of the public: 1

Minute No. Comments

RESOLUTION
For each item, the
proposer is named first
followed by the seconder

PE/92/19 PUBLIC SESSION
No members of the public were present.

PE/93/19 APOLOGIES
Apologies were received from: Cllrs Lacey, Jones, Reed.

PE/94/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.

PE/95/19 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING
The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 15th August, 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 Donaldson
Cllr Taylor

PE/96/19 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

1 Plan Number

2019/09/01

Applicant

Mr and Mrs Pitfield

Access Road

Town

Sturminster Newton

District Reference

2/2019/1131/HOUSE

House Name

Yew Tree House

Bagber Common

County

Dorset

Road

Mullins Farm

Post Code

DT102HB

Cllr Donaldson
Cllr Rose

Erect single storey porch and shower room extension.

Sturminster Newton Town Council comment:

No Objections. The application is not in breach of any material planning considerations and is compliant with the Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan.

Cllr Bevis joined the meeting at 7.20pm.

PE/97/19 PLANNING OUTCOMES
The Council noted the outcomes of planning applications listed in the report circulated with the meeting papers.

PE/98/19 PLANNING APPEALS
There were no planning appeals to consider.

PE/99/19 APPOINTMENT OF MEMBERS TO THE DEVELOPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE
**The Council RESOLVED the following members be appointed to the Development Sub-Committee:
Cllrs Fraser, Taylor, Lacey, M Roake and J Janes.**

Cllr Taylor
Cllr J Rose

PE/100/19 RIGHTS OF WAY
A Harrison reported how well the Grounds staff, Country Rangers and the Rights of Way volunteers work together and is pleased that so many paths are kept well under control and well maintained.

A Harrison also advised that the stock of leaflets for the Sturminster Newton Walkabouts were running low and they may need some funding support for a reprint. The Town Clerk advised the Group could apply for the next round of the Council grants.

Cllr Roake raised the issue of improving the footpath between Butts Pond and the Jubilee Path and asked if it could be raised on a subsequent Planning & Environment Committee Agenda. The Town Clerk suggested that Cllr Roake meet with her and Grounds Manager Adam Dodson to discuss the matter.

PE/101/19 TREE MATTERS
Cllr Donaldson verbally updated the Committee retrospectively regarding several tree works approved by the Tree Officer since the last Planning & Environment Committee in August.

He also advised he had received a complaint about overgrown buddleias affecting a neighbour in Brinsley Close. As these belong to Farnfield Solicitors he passed the complaint onto them.

Cllr Donaldson had also received complaints about spoil being left in Snooks Yard – he had suggested these comments should be passed to the Development Enforcement team.

Cllr Roake requested that the hedge opposite The Bull be cut back as it was very difficult to pass and keep on the pavement. The Town Clerk advised the office will look into this and report if not already done.

PE/102/19 CORRESPONDENCE.
No correspondence had been received requiring members attention.

PE/103/19 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS
Cllr Donaldson – Had received a variety of complaints in the last 2 weeks, in particular problems caused while the works to lowering the pavement at Goughs Close were being done.
Cllr Donaldson attended the Wyatt Homes consultation and commented that some residents had shared their concerns about the development.
Cllr Rose – advised a brief update on the William Williams 400th anniversary project.
Cllr Roake – asked if it was known when the repairs to the bridge were being implemented. The Town Clerk advised that work would commence following the completion of repairs to Durweston Bridge.
Cllr Taylor – advised about the problems with rubbish collection at Gotts Close and also advised that the annual poppy appeal would commence shortly.
Cllr Fraser – expressed congratulations to the Cheese Festival for a

fantastic event over the previous weekend.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Approved on 21st November 2019 Chair's signature 