

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE****Held on Thursday 15TH March 2018 in the Council Chamber at 7.15pm****Present :**

Councillor P. Batstone
 Councillor N. Cowell
 Councillor A, Donaldson - ex officio
 Councillor C. Fraser
 Councillor. M. Jones

Councillor H. Lacey
 Councillor H. Reed
 Councillor G. Rose
 Councillor C. Spackman - Committee Chair
 Councillor R. Taylor

Absent : Councillor V Fox

In Attendance: Alan Harrison (Co-opted Footpaths Officer), Mrs Emma Lindsay (Town Clerk and Mrs Louise Plumridge (Assistant Town Clerk)

MINUTE NUMBER	COMMENTS	RESOLUTION <i>For each item, the proposer is named first followed by the seconder</i>
18/408	PUBLIC SESSION No members of the public were present .	
18/409	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Cllr. V Fox. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.	
18/410	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS Cllr. Spackman advised he knew the applicants for Stourcastle Lodge to be discussed in Agenda Item 18/412 and therefore would not participate in the discussion or vote.	
18/411	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting held on 15 th February 2018 (pages 2580-2587) 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. Batstone Cllr. Donaldson
18/412	CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS The following applications were considered and the Council resolved to make the comment indicated	

1	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
	2018/03/01	2/2018/0230/FUL	
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	
John Roman Park Homes	Land at Market Cross		



<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	

Erect 1 no. dwelling, modify vehicular access and form parking (demolish part boundary walls)

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:

Cllr. Batstone

Objections:

Cllr. Rose

Difficulty of cars accessing Ricketts Lane in a forward direction from the proposed property.

The Council is concerned that the development would have an impact on the building previously occupied by Natwest by removing the pedestrian fire exit and rear access to the building. Removing the rear access would limit future use of the building and potentially cause congestion in the town.

<i>2 Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
2018/03/03	2/2017/1972/LBC	

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
Lt.Gen Sir D and Lady Bill	Stourcastle Lodge	Goughs Close

<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT101BU

Erect single storey extension to form garden room and porch extension and carry out internal and external alterations associated to this.

<i>3 Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
2081/03/02	2/2017/1971/HOUSE	

Other Reference

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
Lt.Gen Sir D and Lady Bill	Stourcastle Lodge	Goughs Close	

<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT101BU	08/03/20

Erect single storey extension to form garden room and porch extension.

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:

No Objections.

<i>4 Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
2018/03/04	2/2018/0264/VARIA	

<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
Mr R Rossiter Salkeld Bridge	Unit 7B Barnhaven Farm Rivers Corner	Rivers Corner to

<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102AD

Change of use of Stone Curing Area to General Industrial (B2) and Storage (B8)

(Variation of Condition No.6 of Planning No. 2/2016/0130/COU to amend to "no

machinery shall be operated and no deliveries received at or dispatched from the

site outside the hours of 07.00am to 19.00pm Monday to Friday and 07:00am to

13.00pm on Saturdays, nor at any time on Sundays or Bank Holidays.")

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:



No Objections, but support the Environmental Health Officer's comment to include:

'No machinery shall be operated, no activity audible at the site boundary carried out, and no deliveries received at or dispatched from the site outside the hours of 07:00 am to 19:00 pm Monday to Friday, and 07:00 am to 13:00 pm on Saturdays, nor at any time on Sundays or Bank Holidays.'

18/413 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED OF PLANNING APPLICATION OUTCOMES

The Town Clerk announced the outcomes of recent applications listed on page 2608.

18/414 PLANNING APPEALS

No notices of planning appeals have been received.

18/415 STURMINSTER NEWTON NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Cllr. Spackman advised that the Neighbourhood Plan had been handed over to North Dorset District Council with the evidence review being completed. This will be live on North Dorset District Council website very shortly and there will follow a 6 week consultation. The meeting expressed thanks to Cllr. Spackman for all his hard work.

18/416 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

a. The Jubilee Path Extension

The Town Clerk advised this was still in progress but taking time. The Town Clerk agreed to she would contact Highwoods to endeavour to bring this matter nearer to completion. Cllr. Jones offered to email the Clerk a contact at Highwoods.

Walkabout Routes

- Mr A Harrison advised the walkabout routes are on dorsetforyou website and in the last year over the site had received 40 visits each week. He commented that including the routes on dorsetforyou is very worthwhile and a good way to attract tourists to the area.

The Rights of Way Group is very busy; they had a meeting last week and were very pleased that a lady from Sturminster Newton had joined as a new member.

There will be a joint working day with the Rangers on 26th March when they will be at Cut Mill - clearing undergrowth and constructing steps and a handrail.

Another site being looked at is between Stalbridge Lane and Colber Bridge where they might possibly be helping with drainage at the bottom of Bridge Street.

Cllr. Spackman expressed thanks to Alan Harrison and asked



that he pass the Council's thanks onto the Rights of Way team.

Through attending the DCC Economy Development Board Cllr. Batstone advised that the existence of the Rangers is under threat. As the Rangers work is part of Sturminster Newton's economy and tourism, the Council should be expressing this.

Cllr. Spackman commented that the town website went 'live' today. The Trailway footpath is on there in very basic form and invited the Footpaths Group to add their walks. Cllr. Jones advised that this work is already underway.

18/417 TREE MATTERS

The Town Clerk advised Cllr. Fox is investigating how to extract the information from North Dorset Planning portal. There has been lots of activity with trees in Sturminster Newton access to the information before the actions on trees carried out has been difficult. The Town Clerk will investigate further.

18/418 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

a. Station Road Pedestrian Zone

The Town Clerk advised a consultation event is being planned for 2nd Wednesday May 3pm - 5pm which will involve colleagues from Dorset County Council and three Sturminster Newton Councillors. A pre-planning meeting will be organised and invitations will be sent to the businesses.

Discussion ensued as to whom this consultation event should be open to and it was generally acknowledged there could be conflicting views from different user groups. Cllr. Lacey stated that only those with frontages onto Station Road could be consulted. The Town Clerk stated that she hoped to create a cohesive event that will inform the development of a Traffic Regulation Order to help improve the infrastructure of the town.

The Council **RESOLVED** to **APPROVE** the consultation exercise outlined by the Town Clerk.

Cllr. Batstone
Cllr. Read

18/419 CORRESPONDENCE

No correspondence had been received requiring Members' attention.

18/420 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Spackman:

Had noticed that the pavement outside the Opticians had been tarmacked instead of the paving. Although it is the responsibility of the relevant Utility company to repair the pavements, it was thought to be a good idea to accrue some of the original pavements from Dorset County Council in order for repairs to retain the original character/design. It was noted that Blandford had already adopted this approach



Planning Application Decisions

Planning Applications reported at meeting

15 February 2018 to 15 March 2018

1	<i>Plan Number</i> 2018/01/05	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2017/1953/LBC	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr and Mrs S Palmer	<i>House Name</i> Flat 1	<i>Road</i> 35A Market Place	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT101AR	<i>Application date</i> 16/01/18

Replace UPVC window with timber window. Existing dormer with rounded lead roof and dormer cheeks formed in lead (Retention of works).

Comment 16/02/18

No Objections.

Decision 19/02/18

Grant of Listed Building Consent

2	<i>Plan Number</i> 2018/01/12	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2018/0005/HOUSE	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr and Mrs Spence	<i>House Name</i> Pegasus	<i>Road</i> Gotts Corner	<i>Locality</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT101DD	<i>Application date</i> 24/01/18

Erect conservatory (demolish existing)

Comment 16/02/18

No Objections.

Decision 02/03/18

Grant of Planning Permission.



Cllr. Donaldson:

Advised he had attended the DAPTC Annual Conference and expressed his concern to the Police Commissioner over the lack of policing and patrols in Sturminster Newton, particularly in view of the recent incidents at The One Stop Shop and Enzo Hairdressers. To date he had not received a reply but would pursue.

Cllr. Lacey:

Noted that bikes being stacked outside Joshuas were creating some problems for pedestrians. Cllr. Fraser had previously provided a report on the need for cycle racks and this could be an item for the Amenities Committee.

Cllr. Cowell reported on the surface of the parking spaces in the Market Square after the snow had become very loose, relaying in sand is required.

Cllr. Batstone advised that she and Cllr. Lacey are starting to plan the Christmas Event.

Cllr. Rose advised that the Youth Club would be launching a crowd funding appeal for the defibrillator in the phone box.

Cllr. Spackman advised the Community Shop will open on 31st March and everyone is welcome for the launch. The lease has been agreed, there is lots of work to be done but already have 20 volunteers.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.35 pm.

*Emma Lindsay
Town Clerk*

Approved on: *17th May 2018*

Chair's signature: *[Signature]*

