

## STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2018 in the Council Chamber at 7.15pm

#### Present

Councillor C. Spackman (Committee Chair)  
Councillor A. Donaldson  
Councillor V. Fox

Councillor H. Lacey  
Councillor H Reed  
Councillor G. Rose

#### Absent:

Councillor P. Batstone, Councillor N. Cowell, Councillor G Rose and Councillor M Jones

In Attendance: 11 members of the public, Councillor M Roake, PC Philip Sugrue, Mr Alan Harrison, 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>
18/327	<b>PUBLIC SESSION</b> Cllr Spackman welcomed members of the public to the meeting and explained that Agenda Item 18/321 would be a specific opportunity to discuss disabled access issues in Sturminster.	
18/328	<b>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</b> Apologies were received from Cllrs P. Batstone, N. Cowell, G Rose and M Jones. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.	
18/329	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS</b> No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
18/330	<b>MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS COMMITTEE MEETING</b> <b>The minutes of the Planning &amp; Environment Committee Meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 (pages 2480 to 2486) 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. Donaldson Cllr. Reed
18/331	<b>DISABLED ACCESS ISSUES IN STURMINSTER</b> A number of issues were raised by members of the public and PC Sugrue answered questions from the meeting: Inconsiderate parking causing accessibility problems in Drovers, The Gavel, Lovers Lane, by Nazareth Lodge and Stourcastle Estate. Similar problems in Jubilee Court, Honeymead Estate and the Co-op and Medical Centre. Wheelchair users are being forced into the road as footpath access is being restricted by poor parking. PC Sugrue	



acknowledged the problems being faced and advised that the difficulty was defining landowner responsibility, whether it is Highways or privately owned. The Police cannot take any action on private land regarding parking matters. The Police can act if traffic offences are taking place on the public highway.

The meeting agreed publicity is key to trying to overcome the problem, making people more aware of how inconsiderate parking causes problems not only for people with disabilities, but for Fire and Rescue and other services. PC Sugrue agreed to write an article in Unity to help raise awareness. The Mayor, Cllr Donaldson also confirmed he will add the subject to his report in Unity. PC Sugrue stated that a mock rescue had been undertaken on an estate in Shaftesbury to show residents how difficult it was for emergency services to get through. This could be replicated in Sturminster. PC Sugrue added he is very happy to help and will liaise with Cllr Spackman.

Other raised issues included shortage of disability parking bays in the town, their location and some being poorly marked. Cllr Spackman thanked everyone for their comments and stressed how important it is to raise awareness in the community for all the issues discussed.

#### 18/332 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>
<b>/02/01</b> 1206/FUL		
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
Sturminster Newton Town		Sturminster
Newton Hall Site	Brinsley Close	
Council		
<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
	Dorset	

**/02/01 - Amended plan**

#### **STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment**

The Town Clerk advised this application was not a current application and would be removed from the Council Planning record.

2.

<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
<b>2017/12/04</b>	2/2017/1957/HOUSE	
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
	13 Selwood Close	
<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT101PE

**Comment required by 19th January**

**Erect a two-storey rear extension with balcony**

#### **STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:**

No Objection

Cllr. Donaldson  
Cllr. Reed



added the town website would be a good opportunity to feature the walks.

ii. Annual check of the Rights of Way signposts

Mr Harrison advised an annual survey had been completed and a list of 10 signposts had been identified to be updated. This has been sent to Sturminster Town Council and he hoped the cost could be shared.

iii. Walking for Health

Mr Harrison commented that the NHS and Medical Practices are now actively promoting walking to improve peoples' health. The local Practice is using the Rights of Way Group's walks and volunteers and practice staff are offering guided walks.

18/336 TREE MATTERS

There were no tree matters for consideration by the Committee

18/337 HIGHWAYS MATTERS

Station Road Pedestrian Zone

The Town Clerk reported that Dorset County Council Highways department had been approached to support the Town Council in the development of a viable Traffic Regulation Order (TRO). The Highways Department has advised that the bollards required will cost approximately £800 each and the TRO process will be in the order of £3000. The Clerk explained that the TRO process was lengthy and that she did not expect it to be completed until the end of the year.

18/338 CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be considered by the Committee

18/339 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Fraser advised that Lovers Lane looked greatly improved apart from the end. The Grounds Staff will be informed to see if there is anything they can do.

Cllr Donaldson had attended a Northern Area DAPTC meeting. There were a lot of complaints about developers not building on land already agreed..

Cllr Spackman noted that a planning application for Land adjacent to the Bull public house will be considered by the Town Council.

Cllr Spackman reported that he had spoken to Simon Hoare MP regarding the lack of ATMs in the town. It was noted that a draft letter to the MP would be discussed at the next meeting of the Town Council.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

*Emma Lindsay*  
Town Clerk



3	<i>Plan Number</i> <b>2018/01/01</b>	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2017/1731/FUL	<i>Site Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> C J Cox Agricultural Engineering	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>
	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i>

**Comment required by 23rd January 2018**  
**Erect single storey extension to existing workshop**

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:**

No objection. Sturminster Newton Town Council support the application.

Cllr. Reed  
Cllr. Lacey

	<i>Plan Number</i> <b>2018/01/02</b>	<i>District Reference</i> 2/2017/1803/LBC	<i>Site Reference</i>
	<i>Applicant</i> Mr C Orman	<i>House Name</i> Rolls Mill Farmhouse	<i>Road</i> Rolls Mill
4	<i>Town</i> Sturminster Newton	<i>County</i> Dorset	<i>Post Code</i> DT102HP

**Comment required by 29th January 2018**

**Erect single storey extension to outbuilding and carry out internal and external alterations and repairs to convert to self-contained residential annexe.**

**STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:**

Objection

Sturminster Newton Town Council supports the Conservation Officer's Report

The Town Clerk advised that this application related to its listed building status. A further application will be raised at the next Full Council meeting, and comments from this meeting can be taken forward.

Cllr. Donaldson  
Cllr. Reed

18/333 NOTIFICATIONS RECEIVED OF PLANNING OUTCOMES  
The Town Clerk announced the outcomes of recent applications below on pages 2485 to 2486.

18/334 PLANNING APPEALS

No notices of planning appeals have been received

18/335 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS

a. Jubilee Pathway Extension

The Town Clerk advised that she was pressing Farnfield Solicitors for completion and this was anticipated by the end of February 2018.

b. Update from the Footpaths Officer


i. Activities of the Rights of Way Group

Mr Harrison reported on the volunteer group working on the Jubilee Path and thanked the Grounds Staff for their help. Cllr Spackman thanked the Rights of Way Group for their work trimming footpaths back. Mr Harrison commented on the walk-about leaflets available and emphasised the major routes on these maps were the priority of the Rights of Way Group.

The Board Walk is also being upgraded, timbers are being replaced with reinforced plastic which looks like real wood. Cllr Spackman



Approved on: 15th February 2018

Chair's Signature:  .....

**Planning Application Decisions**

Planning Applications reported at 18 January 2018

<b>1</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/09/04</b>	2/2017/1452/FUL		
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	Mrs Val Cuff	William Barnes CP School		Bridge Street
	Sturminster Newton			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
		Dorset	DT101BZ	22/09/17

**Erect single storey extension to class room***Comment* 05/10/17**No objection***Decision* 18/01/18**Granted**

<b>2</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/10/02</b>	2/2017/1401/FUL		
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	Mr S Ludwell	Agricultural Building	A357 Newton Hill to Calf Cl La	The Bridge
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton		DT102BS	06/10/17

**Alterations to existing road access***Comment* 19/10/17**no objection***Decision* 18/01/18**Granted**

<b>3</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/10/03</b>	2/2017/1426/FUL		
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	John Ramans Park Homes		37 Bridge Street	
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT101BZ	05/10/17

**Convert shop and flat into 3 No. flats, erect front boundary and wall/fence and form 2 No. parking spaces (demolish car port and outside toilet)***Comment* 19/10/17**The council raises no objection but expresses concern regarding the limited no of parking spaces.***Decision* 14/11/17**Approved.**

<b>4</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/11/01</b>	2/2017/1426/FUL		
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	Mr & Mrs Richard Pitfield		Yew Tree Cottage	Mullins Farm Access Rd
	Bagber			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102HB	20/11/17

**Erect garage extension**


*Comment* 07/12/17

**SNTC**

**No objection but recommend the committee take note of wildlife issues.**

*Decision* 18/12/17

**Approved.**

<b>5</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/11/02</b>			
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	V ZARUCKI & P SCOTT		The Bungalow	Lower Bagber Farm
	Pentridge Lane, Bagber			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102EX	23/11/17

**Erect 1 no. dwelling with attached garage (demolish existing dwelling)**

*Comment* 07/12/17

**SNTC**

**No objection but recommend that the committee take note of any wildlife issues on the site**

*Decision* 11/01/18

**Approved.**

<b>6</b>	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>	<i>Other Reference</i>
	<b>2017/11/04</b>	<b>2/2017/1732/HOUSE</b>		
	<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	<i>Locality</i>
	Mr & Mrs Willis	Steeplehurst	Bath Road	
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	<i>Application date</i>
	Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT101ED	24/11/17

**Erect a single storey extension**

**Approved 5th January 2018**

*Comment* 07/12/17

**SNTC**

**No objections**

*Decision* 05/01/18

**Approved.**



