

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCILMINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCILHeld on Thursday 5th April 2018 in the Council Chamber at 7.15pmPresent :

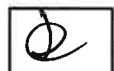
Councillor A. Donaldson (Town Mayor & Chairman)
 Councillor P. Batstone
 Councillor V. Fox

Councillor H. Lacey
 Councillor M. Jones
 Councillor R. Taylor

Absent : Councillor C.Fraser, Councillor H.Reed, Councillor G.Rose and Councillor C.Spackman.

In Attendance: 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>
18/442	PUBLIC SESSION A member of the public expressed she was available to answer any questions in relation to the planning application for Colber Farm - 2/2018/0297/FUL which will be discussed under Agenda Item 18/449.	
18/443	APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE Apologies were received from Councillors Fraser, Reed, Rose and Spackman. These apologies were accepted by the Members present.	
18/444	DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS No interests were declared and consequently no written requests for dispensation had been received.	
18/445	MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS TOWN COUNCIL MEETING The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 8th March 2018 (pages 2588 to 2602) having been circulated and publicised prior to the meeting were taken as read and approved for signature by the chair as a true and correct record.	Cllr. Lacey Cllr. Taylor
18/446	RECOMMENDATIONS FROM COMMITTEES	
	i. <u>Planning & Environment Committee - 15.03.2018 2018 Minute pages 2603-2608</u> The minutes of this committee meeting having been circulated and publicised in draft form. The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendation contained therein.	Cllr. Lacey Cllr. Fox
	ii. <u>Amenities Committee - 22.03.2018 Minute pages 2609 - 2616</u> The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendations contained therein.	Cllr. Jones Cllr. Batstone
	iii. <u>Extraordinary Finance and Personnel Committee - 29.03.2018 Minute pages 2617-2620</u> The Council RESOLVED to APPROVE the recommendation contained therein.	Cllr. Taylor Cllr. Jones



18/447 This Agenda Item was discussed under Agenda Item 18/446.

18/448 FINANCIAL MATTERS

i. Approval of payments

The list of payments set out below on page 2625 and checked by Cllrs. Jones and Taylor was APPROVED. Cllr. Taylor
Cllr. Jones

ii. Budget Comparison and Statement of Earmarked Reserves as at 5th April 2018

The Budget Comparison and Statement of Earmarked Reserves as at 5th April attached on pages 2625 to 2628 were NOTED.

iii. Budget Virements

There were no budget virements to approve.

18/449 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following applications were considered and the Council resolved to make the comments indicated

1	<i>Plan No.</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
	2018/03/05	2/2018/0297/FUL	
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	
M P & M A Hannam & Son	Colber Farm	Stalbridge Road	
<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102JQ	

Change use of agricultural land to caravan site for the stationing of 1 no. shepherd's

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:

No Objections.

Cllr. Batstone
Cllr. Jones

2	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
	2018/03/06	2/2018/0298/FUL	
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	
Mr and Mrs M Pitfield	Yew Tree Cottage	Mullins Farm Access Road	
<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>Post Code</i>	
Sturminster Newton	Dorset	DT102HB	

Change of use of land from paddock to residential garden, erect tractor store and greenhouse.

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:

No Objections.

Cllr. Taylor
Cllr. Batstone

3	<i>Plan Number</i>	<i>District Reference</i>	<i>Site Reference</i>
	2018/03/07	2/2018/0230/FUL	
<i>Applicant</i>	<i>House Name</i>	<i>Road</i>	
John Romans Park Homes	Land at Natwest	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).

Cllr. Donaldson
Cllr. Lacey

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL Comment:

Objections: None of the issues raised before on 15th March 2018 at Planning & Environment Committee have been addressed - see



below;

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.

The Council acknowledged the Highway's Officer comments but wished to note that the car park had previously been designated as a staff car park and therefore had limited use.

Cllr. Donaldson
Cllr. Lacey

18/450 **CONSIDERATION THE IMPLICATIONS FOR THE COUNCIL OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION IN DORSET (LGR)**

The Town Clerk introduced discussion on the implication for the Council by the local government reorganisation in Dorset and the differing approaches being taken by the District Councils with respect to the potential development of services. It was noted that West Dorset District Council had initiated a programme of activity to discuss the future delivery of services with the respective Town Councils. The Council discussed the implications of LGR for the town and it was agreed that Councillors Roake, Fox and Batstone should approach North Dorset District Council to initiate discussion on the same basis as those being progressed in West Dorset.

The Council RESOLVED that Councillors Roake, Fox and Batstone make representations about future services to North Dorset District Council on behalf of Sturminster Newton Town Council.

Cllr. Batstone
Cllr. Taylor

18/451 **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROJECT**

The Town Clerk advised no project update available due to Cllr. Spackman's absence.

18/452 **DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

District Cllr. Roake's report, having previously been circulated, is attached on pages 2628 - 2629 of these minutes.

District Cllr. Fox's report, having previously been circulated, is attached on page 2629 of these minutes.

18/453 **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Batstone's report, having previously been circulated, is attached on pages 2629 to 2631 these minutes.

18/454 **MAYOR'S REPORT**

Cllr. Donaldson's report, having previously been circulated, is attached on page 2631 of these minutes.

Cllr. Donaldson also expressed his thoughts are with Cllrs. Fraser, Reed and Spackman all of whom have been unwell.

He also noted Cllr. Cowell's resignation and conveyed his thanks for his efforts, sincerity and commitment to Sturminster Newton Town Council.

18/455 **COMMUNICATIONS FROM DAPTC AND NALC**

No communications had been received.

18/456 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk's monthly report having been circulated was noted. With Cllr. Cowell's resignation, she confirmed the process to appoint a new Councillor was underway. Cllr. Fox asked on the present situation with the Jubilee Path and the Town Clerk advised she has been given a contact at Highwood Solicitors and will continue to progress the transfer.

18/457 CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Clerk reported a letter had been received from North Dorset District Council, outlining the process for Sturminster Newton Neighbourhood Plan, which will have a 6 week consultation period starting from 6th April 2018.

18/458 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS

Cllr. Jones- reported there was an abandoned car outside the chip shop.

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Cllr. Lacey - reported on the appalling state of the road up to Broadoak with terrible potholes and requested pressure be exerted on Dorset County Council Highways to do more to improve the road.

Cllr. Taylor added to this with a plea that Highways deal with road repairs with durable materials and not to use chippings.

Cllr. Donaldson reported he had been to a Governors' Meeting at William Barnes Primary School, the roll count has gone down with some families moving and the intake for next year is 25.

Cllr. Donaldson also advised that the Annual Town Meeting will be held next Thursday 12th April. Whilst it is not compulsory, he asked all Councillors to attend.

The Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.29pm.

Emma Lindsay
Town Clerk



Sturminster Newton Town Council Payments 5th April 2018

Tn no	Cheque	Gross	Vat	Net Invoice date	Details	Cheque Total
1438	BACS1804 12A	£234.60	£39.10	£195.50 16/03/18	A J Supplies Ltd - Toilet requisites	£234.60
1433	BACS1804 12B	£1,005.60	£167.60	£838.00 21/03/18	Authentic Style Ltd - Town website hosting-12 months	
1436	BACS1804 12B	£924.00	£154.00	£770.00 29/01/18	Authentic Style Ltd - Forms for Town website	£1,929.60
1437	BACS1804 12C	£19.00	£3.17	£15.83 20/03/18	DCM Tyres (Wessex) Ltd - Trailer puncture repair	£19.00
1444	BACS1804 12D	£150.00	£0.00	£150.00 23/03/18	Fair Account - Internal audit services	£150.00
1434	BACS1804 12E	£2,398.52	£0.00	£2,398.52 06/03/18	H M Revenue & Customs - Tax & Ni-March 2018	£2,398.52
1442	BACS1804 12F	£504.00	£84.00	£420.00 17/03/18	Newlands Training Ltd - First Aid Course	£504.00
1439	BACS1804 12G	£24.84	£4.14	£20.70 27/03/18	Northover G & Sons Ltd - Fuel	
1440	BACS1804 12G	£15.59	£2.60	£12.99 21/03/18	Northover G & Sons Ltd - Fuel	
1441	BACS1804 12G	£74.36	£12.39	£61.97 22/03/18	Northover G & Sons Ltd - Fuel	£114.79
1445	BACS1804 12H	£254.10	£0.00	£254.10 25/03/18	Spackman C (Cllr) - Economic Development Plan expenses	£254.10
1435	BACS1804 12J	£108.69	£0.00	£108.69 19/03/18	Water2business - Water services-Mill toilet	
1443	BACS1804 12J	£163.52	£0.00	£163.52 10/03/18	Water2business - Water services to Cemetery	£272.21
Total		£5,876.82	£467.00	£5,409.82		

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/17 and 03/04/18 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/17

	2017/2018	Actual Net	Balance
INCOME			
Full Council			
91070	2016/17 General	£0.00	£0.00
91105	2016/17 Neighbourhood Development Plan	£0.00	£0.00
91125	2016/17 Community Garden Project	£0.00	£0.00



Total Full Council		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Office & Administration				
100	Precept	£229,674.00	£229,674.00	£0.00
105	Contributions to Expenditure	£970.00	£387.25	-£582.75
110	Interest - Public Sector Deposit Fund	£150.00	£170.39	£20.39
115	Interest - Bath Building Society	£150.00	£390.86	£240.86
120	Chamber hire	£1,000.00	£1,085.00	£85.00
125	Grants received	£0.00	£10,000.00	£10,000.00
130	Photocopying, printing, etc.	£20.00	£5.36	-£14.64
135	Insurance Settlements	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
140	VAT reclaimed	£1,150.00	£23,431.70	£22,281.70
199	Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Office & Administration		£233,114.00	£265,144.56	£32,030.56
Amenities & Services				
200	Recreation Grounds	£4,250.00	£1,180.00	-£3,070.00
205	Cemetery	£5,250.00	£4,945.00	-£305.00
210	Agency Agreements	£6,200.00	£4,751.12	-£1,448.88
215	Street cleansing	£9,000.00	£9,000.00	£0.00
220	Contributions	£625.00	£576.19	-£48.81
225	Allotments	£0.00	£22.84	£22.84
299	Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Amenities & Services		£25,325.00	£20,475.15	-£4,849.85
Capital Projects				
300	Developer Contributions	£75,000.00	£75,000.00	£0.00
399	Other contributions, grants & donations	£0.00	£8,488.00	£8,488.00
Total Capital Projects		£75,000.00	£83,488.00	£8,488.00
Total Income		£333,439.00	£369,107.71	£35,668.71
EXPENDITURE				
Full Council				
95040	2016/17 Petty Cash	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95050	2016/17 Accounting Costs	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95070	2016/17 Other pre-committed	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95110	2016/17 Grounds Maintenance	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95115	2016/17 Workshop heating	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95135	2016/17 Town Orderly Service	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/17 and 03/04/18 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/17

		2017/2018	Actual Net	Balance
95140	2016/17 Allotments - Filbridge Rise	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95155	2016/17 Street Furniture	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95175	2016/17 Butts Pond LNR	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95180	2016/17 Railway Gardens	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95200	2016/17 General	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95265	2016/17 Market Column	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
95300	2016/17 Community Garden Project	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Full Council		£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Office & Administration				



1000	Office staff payroll	£52,000.00	£50,681.43	£1,318.57
1010	Office premises	£8,200.00	£6,725.21	£1,474.79
1020	Office facilities & operations	£9,800.00	£8,947.96	£852.04
1030	Insurance	£6,500.00	£5,930.22	£569.78
1040	Bank Charges	£500.00	£274.51	£225.49
1045	Professional fees	£4,500.00	£7,567.30	-£3,067.30
1050	Civic & ceremonial	£1,650.00	£1,095.80	£554.20
1060	Training	£2,250.00	£1,991.88	£258.12
1070	Subscriptions	£1,191.00	£1,142.02	£48.98
1080	Loan repayments	£15,418.00	£15,417.52	£0.48
1090	VAT paid	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
1999	Other	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
Total Office & Administration		£102,009.00	£99,773.85	£2,235.15
Amenities & Services				
2000	Grounds staff payroll	£100,000.00	£96,973.24	£3,026.76
2010	Workshop premises	£2,575.00	£2,380.09	£194.91
2020	Grounds operations	£6,350.00	£6,866.64	-£516.64
2030	Sports pavilion & facilities	£2,325.00	£2,452.31	-£127.31
2040	Town Clock	£530.00	£453.20	£76.80
2050	Play facilities	£3,400.00	£501.46	£2,898.54
2060	Gardens & ornamental	£615.00	£849.20	-£234.20
2070	Car Parks	£100.00	£214.95	-£114.95
2080	Public toilets	£9,900.00	£9,634.57	£265.43
2090	Allotments	£50.00	£32.91	£17.09
2100	Cemetery	£1,850.00	£2,202.23	-£352.23
2110	Sturminster Mill	£3,400.00	£2,396.36	£1,003.64
2120	Footway lighting	£3,950.00	£2,759.17	£1,190.83
2130	Town Centre	£400.00	£178.14	£221.86
2140	Open Spaces	£2,100.00	£0.00	£2,100.00
2150	Benches & Other Infrastructure	£200.00	£1,909.71	-£1,709.71
2160	Events & Festivals	£300.00	£6.66	£293.34
2170	Rights of Way	£1,250.00	£343.58	£906.42
2180	Traffic management	£500.00	£0.00	£500.00

Financial Budget Comparison

Comparison between 01/04/17 and 03/04/18 inclusive. Includes due and unpaid transactions. Excludes transactions with an invoice date prior to 01/04/17

		2017/2018	Actual Net	Balance
2190	Tree management	£1,000.00	£0.00	£1,000.00
2999	Other	£0.00	£525.00	-£525.00
Total Amenities & Services		£140,795.00	£130,679.42	£10,115.58
Capital Projects				
3000	Section 137	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3010	Grants	£4,350.00	£4,363.00	-£13.00
3020	Skate Bowl Project	£89,500.00	£99,453.16	-£9,953.16
3030	Neighbourhood Development Plan	£4,470.00	£8,612.42	-£4,142.42
3035	WW1 Centenary Commemoration	£0.00	£0.00	£0.00
3040	Economic Development Plan	£0.00	£6,304.59	-£6,304.59
3045	Community Resource Support	£32,000.00	£24,326.40	£7,673.60
Total Capital Projects		£130,320.00	£143,059.57	-£12,739.57
Total Expenditure		£373,124.00	£373,512.84	-£388.84
Total Income		£333,439.00	£369,107.71	£35,668.71



Total Expenditure	£373,124.00	£373,512.84	-£388.84
Total Net Balance	-£39,685.00	-£4,405.13	

REPORTS**Agenda Item 452****Cllr Michael Roake****April Report Sturminster Newton Town Council**

Dorset Waste Partnership.- Vice Chairman Michael Roake

At the end of January 2018 there is a predicted underspend on the revenue budget for the year.

The main reasons for the change are that waste disposal tonnages, plus associated haulage costs, continue to be more favourable than expected. In addition, the price paid for disposal of recyclates.

This has been favourable for much of the earlier part of the year, it is not predicted to continue into future years as with current global conditions we are starting to see some indication this could be heading in an adverse direction.

There is no definitive answer how the recyclates price will be in the short to medium term, as there is continued pessimism due to the Chinese recyclates import changes impacting on the wider international market.

Specifically, where the DWP is very successfully in producing a higher grade product of mixed plastic and mixed paper, China is a major global reprocessing hub for these commodities.

The impact of the changes to the Chinese import restriction on these products tighten there are limited alternative outlets available globally. Putting pressure on re-processors forcing down the commodity value which could in turn be less favourable in future years to the DWP

Total household waste arisings per hh (kg/hh) (excluding kerbside collected garden waste) 935 kg/hh Percentage of household waste reused, recycled, or composted 60%

Percentage of households using the garden waste service 22%

Overall satisfaction with waste service 79%

North Dorset District Council and Private Rented Landlords

From April 2018, Landlords of privately rented domestic and non-domestic properties must ensure that their properties reach at least an Energy Performance Certificate (EPC) rating of E before granting a new tenancy to new or existing tenants.

These requirements will then apply to all private rented properties in England and Wales – even where there has been no change in tenancy arrangements. This will be implemented from 1 April 2020 for domestic properties, and from 1 April 2023 for non-domestic properties.



North Dorset District Council is keen to alert Landlords to a change in legislation that means the licensing of properties let as bedsits or shared houses, known as 'Houses of Multiple Occupation' (HMO), is set to change across the country.

On-line application process is currently being put together and will be made available on dorsetforyou.com.

Prior to that facility being available, Landlords are able to obtain an application form by contacting housingimprovement@dorset.gov.uk or by phoning 01305 251010.

Cllr Michael Roake April 2018

District Councillor's Report for March 2018 – Cllr V.Fox

Once the snow and ice had cleared I chaired the regular meeting of the Open Spaces Group where the members had a useful discussion with Graham Stanley the Senior Ranger on footpath issues and we secured his help to clear mud from the Coach Road Path.

At NDDC as a member of the Joint Scrutiny Committee I have taken on membership of 3 Task and Finish Panels working on Political Management (staffing issues), Service Integration (priorities for LGR) and the relationship between Town and Parish Councils after LGR.

The Joint Scrutiny Committee also held a meeting with the Planning Enforcement Team Leader to get an update on the increased workload on this service.

I attended the official opening BY THE Chairman of NDDC Cllr Val Potheary of the Hub now based in the Old Lodge at Nordon, this is a replacement for the Customer Contact Centre at the old building and this has all the facilities for face to face meetings with the public and additional meeting rooms and offices for officers who are now able to work remotely due to advances in mobile technology.

The pace of LGR is increasing and the Service Integration Panel are meeting Stephen Hill the Senior Manager working on this later this month and I hope to prepare a fuller report on this for the Annual Town Meeting.
Cllr Victor Fox.

Agenda Item 453

County Councillors Report for March, 2018

The month began with all meetings being cancelled because of the first bout of snow...

During the month I attended three meetings directly relating to my role as Chairman of Children and Adults Safeguarding Committee. At our formal Meeting on the 13th March we received an overview of the Early Intervention and Prevention programme now operating across Dorset on the Family Partnership Zones, which are based on the seven Dorset school pyramids. The aim is to ensure agencies work together to support families in the early stages of problems arising, in order to prevent children becoming Children in Need, or In Care. As well as providing a more effective early intervention the approach is much more cost effective. However, one unfortunate consequence of directing resources in this way was the closure of the Youth Centres across Dorset in favour of targeted work with troubled children. In most places these have been replaced by newly established Youth Clubs but all of these are struggling in their different ways it would seem. The Committee will be scrutinising the implications of this in the summer. Also in July the Committee will be returning to consider children out of school, either because their parents have elected to educate them at home, or they have been

excluded from school. There would seem to be a particular concern about children with special educational needs being excluded.

Also at the County Council I am involved in two Task and Finish Groups concerned with local government reorganisation, one on service integration and one on governance. The first had one meeting and suspended activity until we know more of what proposals there are for the means of service delivery and the second has yet to meet. I have attended a meeting of the County Farms Liaison Committee where concern was expressed at the County's decision to sell a further large part of the estate to meet its budget gap. I also attended the monthly Special Educational Needs Delivery Group which is working to ensure that the County meets its obligations to children identified as having special educational needs for whatever reason and to their parents. Work is being done to ensure Health, Education and Care Assessments are completed where appropriate and to time, and that parents have a clear idea of what help may be available and where to access it.

During the month a lot of my time has been spent going up and down to Boscombe in my role as Chairman of the Dorset Race Equality Council where we have finally been appointing a new Chief Executive Officer, following the resignation due to ill health of his predecessor eighteen months ago. The Council has been fortunate to have had a very competent officer acting up in the role in the meantime. I am on the Board of the Race Equality Council because of my role as Equalities Champion on the County Council. Also because of that role I sit on the group supporting the Chaplain to Gypsies and Travellers and in that area too there is a concern about children not being able to access education or support in education following the closure a few years ago of the Dorset Travellers Education Service in favour of the schools having the money to work with their own pupils.

I have been into the High School to meet the newly elected Dorset Representative to the National Youth Parliament, Laurence Hayward from Broadoak. If I understand it correctly one of his major policies is the elimination of sexism in schools. I would suggest the Mayor invite him to a Town Council Meeting, or the Annual Council. I hope to give Laurence the chance to spend some time shadowing me during his summer holiday. He is also planning to spend time at Westminster with Simon Hoare. Dorset elects two Representatives to the Youth Parliament and the other young person is from Gryphon School.

Locally I have chaired a meeting of the Friends of the Library Group which continues to successfully entice people into using the library, contrary to the reduced usage in other areas. I also chair the KnowStur Group and as the current English as a Foreign Language Courses come to an end, the students will be attending the library for the opportunity of English conversation, until the next round of classes start. I chaired the first meeting of the group who want to recognise the three authors with particular links to Stur, namely Hardy, Barnes and Young. The plan would be to attract tourism by developing a literary trail and also a literary festival. Terry Townsend, whose brain child this is, hope to raise funds for a statue of Tess, who was supposed to have come through the town from Marnhull, and also a plaque showing the faces of all three. I have attended one meeting of the Youth Club Committee where in particular we have the problem of how in future we employ the Youth Leader who is currently employed on an agency basis by Equilibrium, but that arrangement is coming to an end. The Committee is reluctant to take on the responsibilities of becoming a direct employer but that may have to happen. Locally I also attended a meeting at Shillingstone Station to learn more of the plans to eventually extend the railway line to Stur.

I have only attended two Parish Council Meetings this month, Okeford Fitzpaine and Hazelbury Bryan, in addition to the meeting of Sturminster Newton Town Council.

I have two ongoing pieces of casework, both involving safeguarding. One is the difficult situation of a potentially homeless parent with an adult child with special needs where they are being treated as two separate applicants by housing, whereas all others dealing with the family recognise the need for them to be housed as one unit so



that the parent can continue to support the adult child. The other is the problem of an elderly carer whose partner was taken abruptly from his care allegedly for her protection, and indeed a second very similar case has now been brought to my attention.

Councillor Pauline Batstone

2.4.18.

Agenda Item 454

The Town Mayor's Report

Following a lull in January and February things have started to liven up again and we have been traveling around Dorset to various Civic Events.

2nd March. The formal launch of the Hall
Hall and Woodhouse Community Chest 2018 should have taken place but was cancelled due to the bad weather. The event is underway never-the-less with £50,000 to be distributed to local club/ organisations who apply and are judged to have projects/ equipment needs I which are worthy of financial support. Application forms have appeared in the Blackmore Vale and I would ask that you encourage applications.

5th March. Attended 2018 Carnival Committee Meeting

6th March. Newstone House to visit Cynthia who was celebrating her 100th Birthday.

9th March. D.A.P.T.C. Annual Conference. Following an address by Sir Oliver Letwin this all day conference covered many topics including local planning, the imminent unitary authority, plans for the local health service and local policing. After a presentation by Martin Underhill, the Dorset Police Commissioner I took the opportunity to vigorously question Mr. Underhill at some length about policing in Sturminster following the armed raid at One Stop the previous Monday morning and the raid at Enzo's the previous Wednesday night. The Commissioner was aware of the One Stop incident but not the break in at Enzo's. I pointed out to Mr. Underhill that he had failed to respond to a request for him to come to speak to the Town Council. The Commissioner took my telephone number and e-mail address with a promise to get in touch the following week; I'm still waiting! Following the second raid at One Stop the Clerk has written to the Commissioner with a renewed request for him to speak to the Council.

15th March Literary Trail Meeting at Sturquest.

16th March Official opening of the "Silent Soldier " display in the Railway Gardens in conjunction with R.B.L.I. Compliments continue to be received regarding the display and I was pleased to see the associated publicity in the Blackmore Vale.

20th. March Attended Scout Executive Committee Meeting

31st March Attended the official opening of the Community Shop by Alice Fox-Pitt.

4th April Attended Sturquest Project Forum Meeting

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