

STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

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Dear Councillor,

You are summoned to attend the annual meeting of the **Town Council** which will be held on **Wednesday 6th May 26 at 7.15pm in The Council Chamber.**

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status, religion, belief or disability), Crime & Disorder, Health and Safety and Human Rights.

Only Agenda items where the indicated function is to consider, approve or decide may be decided at this meeting. Other items are for information only and no decision can be taken upon them unless and until raised at a later meeting.

Kate Squire - Town Clerk

30th April 2026

- 26/27/001 To elect the Chair of the Council and Town Mayor until May 2027
- 26/27/002 To witness the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance by the Chair of the Council and Town Mayor
- 26/27/003 To elect the Vice Chair of the Council and the Deputy Town Mayor until May 2027
- 26/27/004 To receive comments and questions from members of the public
Members of the public are invited to raise any matter and speak for up to three minutes. The Council cannot discuss matters raised unless they already appear on this Agenda
- 26/27/005 To receive a report from Dorset Councillor Jones
- 26/27/006 Apologies for Absence
- 26/27/007 To receive declarations of interests and approve any written applications for dispensations
- 26/27/008 To approve the minutes of the previous Town Council meeting held on 1st April 2026
- 26/27/009 To approve recommendations from the following committee meetings:
 - Planning & Environment – 18 March 26 & 22 April 26
 - Amenities – 25 Mar 26
 - Finance & Policy – 15 Apr 26
- 26/27/010 To appoint members to the standing committees and for those committee members to elect a Chair and Vice Chair for each Committee
- 26/27/011 To appoint representatives to outside bodies and working groups

- 26/27/012 To consider financial matters:
- a. Confirmation of cheque signatories.
Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr C Fraser
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr J Rose
K Squire (Clerk)
 - b. Review and consider list of subscriptions.
Dorset Association of Parish & Town Councils (DAPTC)
Society of Local Council Clerks (SLCC)
Institute of Cemetery & Crematoria Management (ICCM)
Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE)
 - c. To approve any payments for invoices in excess of £2000
- 26/27/013 To review and adopt Standing Orders for 2026/2027
- 26/27/014 To review and adopt a Code of Conduct for 2026/2027
- 26/27/015 To review and adopt a Scheme of Delegation for 2026/2027
- 26/27/016 To review and adopt Financial Regulations for 2026/2027.
- 25/26/017 To consider and make comment on planning applications:
- P/PIP/2026/01968 - Banbury Cross Cottage Angers Lane Fiddleford DT10 2BY - Conversion of a building to create 1no. dwelling (permission in principle)
- 25/26/018 To receive correspondence and consider any issues raised.
- 25/26/019 To receive a report from the Town Clerk.
- 25/26/020 To receive information from members and discuss proposals for future business.