

# STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

## MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER



### PRESENT:

Cllr P Batstone  
Cllr L Cooper  
Cllr A Donaldson (Chair)  
Cllr J Rose  
Cllr S Trim

### IN ATTENDANCE:

K Squire (Town Clerk)

### MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 1

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| <b>25/26/255</b> | <b>To receive comments and questions from members of the public</b><br>A representative of Youth Connect South West gave an update on the youth club at Unit 2, Richmar Trading Estate.   |
| <b>25/26/256</b> | <b>Apologies for absence</b><br>Apologies were received from Cllrs Dobson, Fraser, Jackson, Lacey, Mantock and Marks. These apologies were accepted by members.   |
| <b>25/26/257</b> | <b>To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation</b><br>No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received.   |
| <b>25/26/258</b> | <b>To approve the minutes of the previous Planning &amp; Environment meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> November 25</b><br>The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 19 <sup>th</sup> November 25 having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.   |
| <b>25/26/259</b> | <b>Planning Matters</b><br><b>Planning Applications for consideration:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• P/HOU/2026/00412 22 Newfoundland Drive, DT10 1GE<br/>Erect conservatory to rear of property.<br/><b>No objection</b></li><li>• P/FUL/2026/00465 Silver Birch Farm, 5 Rivers Corner, DT10 2AD<br/>Retain change of use of agricultural building to fabrication of steel frame agricultural buildings, machinery repairs &amp; other ancillary fabrications (Use Class B2)<br/><b>No objection</b></li></ul> |

**Report on planning decisions of Dorset Council from 15<sup>th</sup> November 25 to the 11<sup>th</sup> February 26:**

The Committee noted the report attached to these minutes.

**Any other planning matters:**

There were no other planning matters.

**Tree Matters:**

There were no tree matters.

**25/26/260 To receive an update from Cllr Donaldson, Chair of the Committee following attendance at the Dorset Council Town & Parish Council Forum – Planning and Building Control**

Cllr Donaldson gave a brief summary of key points from the slides provided following the event and circulated to members.

The Clerk suggested that in light of information given at the event and in slides, it would be useful for the committee to consider the review of the Neighbourhood Plan currently in progress as a future agenda item. The committee were in agreement.

**25/26/261 To receive an update from the Town Clerk**

The Clerk reported that:

- She had been in contact with Bellway Homes regarding the drainage system at Corallian Heights and had been given some information which she would pass on to the Grounds Manager and The Countryside Rangers for advice on.
- A meeting with CG Fry regarding the Open Space at Market Fields had been arranged. The Grounds Manager and Graham Stanley from the Countryside Rangers would be in attendance.

**25/26/262 To receive information from members and proposals for future business**

Cllr Cooper – Asked for an update on the Youth Hub project at Ricketts Lane. (The Clerk is waiting for advice from a planning officer at Dorset Council before progressing with drawings but will update Council as soon as possible).

Cllr Donaldson – Had reported the ramp on Old Market Hill which needs repairs and traffic lights at the top of Old Market Hill that did not seemed to be sequencing correctly. (These have also been reported by the Grounds Manager.)

**The Chair closed the meeting at 8.09pm**

**Chairs Signature .....Date Approved .....**

**25/26/259      Planning Decisions 19.11.25 – 11.2.26**

[P/FUL/2025/07289](#)

3 Market House Market Place Sturminster Newton DT10 1AS  
Change of use from retail shop and storage to retail shop and 3 no. flats, and external alterations including installation of 2 no. dormer windows  
Granted 28/01/2026

[P/LBC/2025/07290](#)

3 Market House Market Place Sturminster Newton DT10 1AS  
Carry out internal and external alterations including installation of 2 no. dormer windows to allow for a Change of use from retail shop and storage to smaller retail shop and 3 no. flats.  
Granted 14/01/2026

[P/FUL/2025/06504](#)

Wool House Farm Hole House Lane Glue Hill DT10 2AA  
Erect agricultural building  
Granted 19/12/2025

[P/FUL/2025/06230](#)

Candys Newsagents Market Place Sturminster Newton DT10 1AS  
Change of use & conversion of part of retail floor space and existing residential floor space to 3no. flats and 2no. dwellings. Retention of existing retail unit.  
Granted 12/12/2025

[P/LBC/2025/06229](#)

Candys Newsagents Market Place Sturminster Newton  
Alterations to facilitate conversion of part of retail floor space and existing residential floor space to 3no. flats and 2no. dwellings. Retention of existing retail unit.  
Granted 12/12/2025

[P/HOU/2025/05631](#)

Atlast White Lane Close Sturminster Newton DT10 1EJ  
Erect single storey side extension (Demolish Garage), alterations to fenestration. Convert loft into living accommodation with roof lights.  
Granted 27/11/2025

[P/NMA/2025/06239](#)

Land At E 377825 N 113305 A357 - Access To Woodlands Farm To Glue Hill Rolls Mill  
Sturminster Newton  
Non-material Amendment - to change the approved landscaping plans listed in Condition No. 4 to reflect changes to the landscaping scheme; to Reserved Matters Approval No.  
P/RES/2024/07321 (Erect 48 No. dwellings, form vehicular access, public open space and carry out ancillary works).  
Granted 27/11/2025

No refusals