# STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**
**HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 APRIL 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER**

**PRESENT:**
Cllr P Batstone
Cllr L Cooper
Cllr A Donaldson (Chair)
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr D Mantock (Vice Chair)
Cllr P Marks
Cllr J Rose
Cllr S Trim

**MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**: 4

**ALSO PRESENT:** J Drew (Office Administrator)

| MINUTE NO | COMMENTS |
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| **25/26/325** | **To receive comments and questions from members of the public**<br>A member of the public asked about the non-domestic rates payable by Aldi, if they open a store in Sturminster Newton would come to the Town Council? If yes, could a reduction in council tax be expected? He was advised that non-domestic rates are collected by Dorset Council not the Town Council. |
| **25/26/326** | **Apologies for absence**<br>Apologies were received from Cllr Dobson, Cllr Fraser and Cllr Jackson. These apologies were accepted by members. |
| **25/26/327** | **To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation**<br>No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received. |
| **25/26/328** | **To approve the minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 18th March 2026**<br>The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 18th March 2026 having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair. |
| **25/26/329** | **Planning Matters**<br><br>**Planning Applications for consideration:**<br>• **P/FUL/2026/00624** Land at North Dorset Business Park Rolls Mill Way Erection of a foodstore (Use Class E) with associated access, car parking & landscaping works<br>**No objection. The Town Council ask that a positive and robust answer from Dorset Highways is still needed regarding the access to the site for pedestrians. Discussions still need to take place between Aldi & Dorset Council.** |



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- **P/HOU/2026/01902** 9 Rabin Hill DT10 1EU
  Erect single storey extension, porch roof & convert half the garage
  **No objection.**

- **P/LBC/2026/01869 & P/HOU/2026/01868** 86 Newton Hill - From Junctions At Orchard Close & Mill Lane Newton DT10 2DQ
  Raise height of chimney.
  **No objection.**

**Report on planning decisions of Dorset Council 11 March 26 – 16 April 26.**
The planning decisions were noted by the Committee.

**Any other planning matters:**
There were no other planning matters

**Tree Matters:**
- **TPO/2025/0090 Land off Manston Road DT10 1AF**

**The Committee noted approval of the temporary tree preservation order.**

The tree officer advised that there has also been a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) on an ash tree on Bath Road, which will be replaced with a new ash tree.

**25/26/330** **To receive information from members and proposals for future business**
*Cllr Mantock* – reported that the retaining wall of a property adjacent to Ricketts Lane Recreation Ground has now collapsed and is dangerous, she felt this is a health & safety issue that needs to be urgently addressed, she asked if it could be discussed by the Amenities committee.
*Cllr Donaldson* – reported that he had heard rumours the second phase of the Wyatt development has been placed on hold due to the sales figures. He also advised that a representative of Dorset & Wiltshire Fire & Rescue Service (DWFRS) had assured him that the town that we will not lose the remaining pump in the cuts being made. He finally shared that members of the public had enquired as to whether there was any information regarding future usage of the former Factory Shop premises.
*Cllr Batstone* – Asked if the Neighbourhood Plan review needed to be restarted.

**The Chair closed the meeting at 7.48pm**

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



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