STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 21 OCTOBER 26 AT 7.15PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT:
Cllr L Cooper
Cllr A Donaldson (Chair)
Cllr C Fraser (Vice Chair)
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr P Marks
Cllr J Rose
Cllr S Trim

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 0

ALSO PRESENT: K Squire (Town Clerk), Dorset Councillor Jones

MINUTE NO **COMMENTS**

26/27/187 **To receive comments and questions from members of the public**
No members of public present.

26/27/188 **Apologies for absence**
Apologies were received from Cllr Batstone and Jackson and Goodland due to personal circumstances. These apologies were accepted by members.

26/27/189 **To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation**
No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received.

26/27/190 **To approve the minutes of the previous Planning & Environment meeting held on 16 September 26**
The minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 16 September 26 having been circulated and published prior to the meeting, were taken as a true and correct record and duly signed by the Chair.

26/27/191 **Planning Matters**

- **There were no planning applications to consider**
- **There were no planning decisions to report**
- **Tree Matters: Cllr Donaldson reported on tree works at Church Farmhouse**

26/27/192 **Dorset Councillor Jones update regarding Government Planning Reform**
Dorset Cllr Jones updated the Committee on the changes to how planning applications are processed due to changes to the National Planning Policy Framework. The Town Council expressed appreciation to Cllr Jones for an informative training session.

Cllr Jones left the meeting after this agenda item.

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26/27/193 Consider response to Dorset Council Local Plan Scoping Consultation

The Committee resolved to allow Cllr Donaldson as Committee Chair, and the Clerk to respond to the consultation using information in the neighbourhood plan and comments submitted for previous versions of the Dorset Council Local Plan.

26/27/194 Consider granting permission for Enviren Ltd to carry out a drainage survey at Riverside Meadows

The Committee considered a report previously circulated by the Clerk.
The Committee resolved to approve permission for Enviren Ltd to access the Riverside Meadows site for the survey. Permission is given on the understanding that any damage is made good and that consent to access the site to carry out a survey does not imply approval for any subsequent works which would need to be considered separately by the Committee.

26/27/195 To receive an update from the Neighbourhood Plan Review Working Group

The Clerk reported that the Neighbourhood Plan Review Group had met and agreed edits to the plan. The Clerk is updating the document and recording the changes. A list of queries will be sent to Dorset Council. The design code may need professional input, but the group will report back at a future Committee meeting.

26/27/196 Consider and adopt trees policy

The Committee resolved to recommend to Full Council the adoption of the new Trees Policy previously circulated by the Clerk.

26/27/197 To receive information from members and proposals for future business

Cllr Marks - reported regarding the recent vehicle fire at Bridge Street and actions of the Community Emergency Response Team.
Cllr Cooper - also updated regarding the recent fire, the team were frustrated by the lack of any police presence to direct the traffic in the town centre following the road closure.
Cllr Donaldson – queried the condition of the road surface at Bridge Street. He also reported further deterioration of the zebra crossing markings.

The Chair closed the meeting at 8.08pm

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

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