STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE EXTRA ORDINARY MEETING OF THE TOWN COUNCIL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY 22 JULY 26 AT 7.00PM IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER

PRESENT:
Cllr P Batstone
Cllr L Cooper
Cllr A Donaldson
Cllr H Lacey
Cllr P Marks
Cllr J Rose
Cllr S Trim

IN ATTENDANCE:
K Squire (Town Clerk)

MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC: 2

MINUTE NO	COMMENTS
26/27/093	**To receive comments and questions from members of the public** Mr Terence Fox reported concerns regarding the safety of fires at Rolls Mill and Stalbridge Lane near fields of hay. He noted the fire brigade have been advertising the dangers of fires in the current weather conditions and asked if there was anything the Town Council could do to help.
26/27/094	**Apologies for absence** Apologies were received from Cllrs Fraser who was not well and Cllr Jackson who was working. These apologies were accepted by members.
26/27/095	**To approve declarations of interest and written applications for dispensation** No interests were declared and no written requests for dispensation received.
26/27/096	**To consider if Sturminster Newton Town Council meets the criteria to exercise the general power of competence and if eligible resolve to decide to use the general power of competence until the annual meeting of the council in the next year of ordinary elections of town councillors.** The Council agreed that two thirds of councillors are elected members and the Clerk has the Certificate in Local Council Administration, meeting the criteria to exercise the general power of competence. The Council therefore resolved to use the general power of competence until the annual meeting of the council in the next year of ordinary elections of town councillors.

Chairs Initials .....

26/27/097 **To consider a report from the Dorset Association of Parish and Town Councils (DAPTC) following an organisational review and agree further actions**

The Council accepted the report and suggestions from DAPTC, a number of the suggestions having already been actioned and others in progress. The Council agreed to review the report alongside work on their strategic plan.

The Chair closed the meeting at 7.21pm

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

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