

## STURMINSTER NEWTON TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES** of the **PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE** held on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**January 2010** in the Council Chamber at 7.15pm.

### **PRESENT at the Meeting were:**

Councillor C. Fraser - Chairman  
 Councillor D. Cownley  
 Councillor Mrs. C. Feltham  
 Councillor T. Puckett  
 Councillor J. Rose  
 Councillor N. Watson  
 Councillor V. Fox (EX-Officio - Chairman of the Council)  
 Councillor H. Lacey

### **Apologies were received from:**

Councillor D. Fox  
 Councillor M. Read

### **In attendance were:**

Mrs. P. Naylor (Admin. Assistant)

*The Chairman invited all present to stand for a moments quiet reflection following the sad passing of Councillor L. Goldbart.*

### **09/346 QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

None

### **09/347 MEMBERS DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Councillor V. Fox as a member of North Dorset District Council Development Control Committee, declared a prejudicial interest in the Planning & Environment Committee discussions.
- Councillor Mrs H. Lacey as an Officer of Dorset County Council in the Highways and Transportation Section declared a prejudicial interest in the Planning & Environment Committee discussions.

### **09/348 SIGNING OF THE APPROVED MINUTES OF THE LAST COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

The Minutes of the Committee meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (pages 857 - 861) having been approved at the last Town Council meeting were signed by the chairman.

### **09/349 PLANNING APPLICATION OBSERVATIONS**

None

## 09/350 NOTIFICATION OF DECISIONS OF NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL

**1**    **Plan Number**        **District Reference**  
          **8/421**                    **2/2009/0152/PLNG**

R B Snook Building Ltd Clarkes Yard, Bath Road, Sturminster Newton Dorset DT101DP  
 Application Date            03/03/09

Erect 14 No. dwellings and 2 No. offices with associated parking. Change of use from office to 1 No. dwelling. Form new vehicular and pedestrian access.

Full Planning and Change of Use application.

*Comment*        19/03/09

**No objections, subject to the preservation of the trees on the southern boundary to comply with the request of the adjoining property owners.**

*Decision*                    21/01/10

**North Dorset District Council - Planning Permission Granted**

**2**    **Plan Number**        **District Reference**  
          **9/11/7**                    **09/0894**

Application date    15/10/09

Miss Danielle Harvey, Retsel House, Bridge Street, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT101AW

Change of Use from Office (B1a) to Sui Generis Beauty Salon. No exterior work proposed purely internal decoration.

*Comment*        19/11/09

**No Objection**

*Decision*                    21/01/10

**North Dorset District Council - Planning permission granted**

**3**    *Plan Number*        *District Reference*  
          **9/11/8**                    **09/0915**        *Application date*        **04/11/09**

**D. Teversham, Homestead, Holehouse Lane, Glue Hill, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT102AA. Erect barn, trap shed and stable.**

*Comment*                    19/11/09

**No Objection**

*Decision*                    21/01/10

**North Dorset District Council - Grant of Planning Permission**

**4**    **Plan Number**        **District Reference**  
          **9/12/1**                    **09/0935**        Application date        10/11/09

Ms C Fife, Blackmore Vale Veterinary Centre, Rixon Hill, Rixon, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT10 1BQ.

**Installation of 3 solar panels on east facing roof, to provide a solar water heating system and so to save fuel and cut emissions.**

*Comment*                    19/11/09

**No Objections**

*Decision*                    21/01/10

**North Dorset District Council - Planning Permission granted**

5    **Plan Number**    **District Reference**  
      9/12/2            09/0964    *Application date*    16/11/09

Mr. Martin Cross, Mill Banks, Stalbridge Lane, Sturminster Newton, Dorset, DT102JQ

**Erection of a single storey timber framed outbuilding in the garden to the rear of Mill Banks.**

*Comment*    17/12/09

**No Objections**

*Decision*                    21/01/10

**North Dorset District Council - Planning Permission Granted**

A copy of a letter from North Dorset District Council sent to Mr. W Summer, Penny Cottage, Penny Street, regarding his application (No: 2/2009/1035) to install photovoltaic cell array on roof was received, which informed Mr. Summers that formal planning permission is not required.

#### **09/351 NOTIFICATION OF PLANNING APPEALS**

None

#### **09/352 RIGHTS OF WAY MATTERS - Alan Harrison (Footpaths Officer)**

- a. Authentic Somerset & Dorset Railway Feature - Signal Post - Alan Harrison is hoping to have this feature placed in the open area at the entrance to the Trailway in Station Road Car Park. **The committee has no objection in principle but would like to see a plan.**
- b. Jubilee Path line and FP 11 & 12 - Discussions are in progress with Highwood Construction and Dorset County Council Rights of Way. Cllr Fraser spoke about the meeting that he attended and it was felt that bollards as lighting would be preferable.
- c. FP 4 between Filbridge Rise and Industrial Estate - Ongoing concerns about safety at night. Cllr V Fox is talking to North Dorset District Council Solicitors and will take a map to show the concerns.
- d. FP 40 Coach Road - Overhanging Laurel will be thinned and cut by Dorset County Council next week.

#### **09/353 TREE MATTERS**

- a. Notification of Intent to carry out tree works at Church Street - Fell Robinnia and Eucalyptus.
- b. Alan Harrison reported the SturQuest Trees Group would like to talk to a member of the Town Council about the trees in the Railway Gardens. **Cllr V Fox will make arrangements to attend a meeting with the Trees Group.**

#### **09/354 NORTH DORSET DISTRICT COUNCIL MATTERS**

None

#### **09/355 HIGHWAYS MATTERS**

- a. Broad Oak Residents have requested in the past that Dorset County Council to impose a 30mph speed limit. Dorset County Council request advice on current situation. **The Committee requested that a copy of the letter from Dorset County Council should be sent to Broad Oak Residents Association.**
- b. The e-mail received from SturQuest giving the government's web address for road safety/speed limits should be forwarded to all Councillors to acquaint themselves with the official guidelines.

**09/355 Highways Matters (continued)**

c. Requests for Grit Bins as follows:

- Hanover Close - Request from Estate Manager of Hanover Housing Association
- Honeymead Lane - Top at junction with Bath Road - Near Bath Road/High School.
- Honeymead Lane - One grit bin is on order for car parking area at bottom of hill from Manston Road junction.
- Newton Residents Association - Request for 3 grit bins - Top and Bottom of Glue Hill and at the entrance of the close at the top of Newton Hill.

**The committee recommended that a policy is needed Re: grit bin usage and the provision of grit bins. Concerns were expressed regarding the responsibility for the spreading of grit from grit bins with regard to who should take responsibility, the public or the Council's ground staff.**

**The Town Clerk is requested to approach Charles Higgins re: the Old Market Hill car park to arrange a gritting procedure.**

Councillor V. Fox has been in contact with Dorset County Council regarding the inclusion of Honeymead Lane in the gritting programme.

- b. Alan Harrison (Rights of Way Officer) has requested to Dorset County Council for maintenance of the hedge on Bath Road with the junction of White Lane Close.

**09/356 CORRESPONDENCE**

- a. **Environment Agency** - Assistance in setting up a flood warden scheme. The committee felt this was not necessary.
- b. **North Dorset CPRE** - Winter party at Tarrant Ruston on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010 and AGM at Clayesmore School, Iwerne Minster on 30<sup>th</sup> March 2010.
- c. **North Dorset District Council** re Highway Lengths man Scheme - Not required in this area.
- d. **Dorset County Council** - Temporary road closure at Stalbridge Common Road, Stalbridge from 25<sup>th</sup> January to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010, again from 1<sup>st</sup> February to 5<sup>th</sup> February 2010 also 8<sup>th</sup> February 2010: between the hours of 8am to 5pm.

**09/357 INFORMATION FROM MEMBERS**

- a. Councillor Watson reported persistent dog fouling along Church Walk between the Old School and Nazareth Lodge. Cllr V Fox informed the committee that a bin will be going into that area shortly and it is hoped that this will encourage dog owners to clear up after their animals. It was suggested that laminated signs should be attached to the bollard at the end of the walk.
- b. Councillor Puckett asked about the price increase in the Station Road car park. Cllr V. Fox told the committee about various meetings he had had at North Dorset District Council about the increase.
- c. Councillor Cownley reported that the rubbish skip at Northovers has now been removed.

**09/358 EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS**

The Council RESOLVED that because of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, it is likely that if Members of the Public were present during discussion, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information and they therefore be excluded from the Meeting in accordance with Section 1, subsection (2) Of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.

**09/359 CONFIDENTIAL MATTER**

**Staffing and Employment Matter - See Confidential Minute Page 136.**

There being no further business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Signed ..... Dated .....

Chairman of the Planning & Environment Committee