

A meeting of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee was held on 6th September 2016 in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster commencing at 7.30pm

**Present:**

**Chairman:** Cllr Shearman

**Councillors:** Cllr Drayton, Cllr James, Cllr Mackillop, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Swann, Cllr Walker

**Officers in attendance:** Mrs Theresa Loveless (Administration Officer)  
Miss Joy Norris (Town Clerk)

**Members of the Public:** 2 members of the public attended this meeting one of whom wished to speak

**Speaker 1.** Spoke at item Agenda Item 7 Parking in Ilminster.

**P19 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Burton, Cllr Fagan, Cllr Fowler, Cllr Keitch Cllr Kinder & Cllr Sothern

**P20 Declarations of Interest**

The declarations of interest given in the table below were made regarding items on the agenda. Some declarations of interest were made as the meeting progressed.

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Nature of Interest	Type of Interest	Action
Rob Drayton	7 Parking in Ilminster	25	Personal	Friends with concerned members of the public	Will speak but won't vote

**P21 Minutes**

**A)** To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2016 as a correct record.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee held on 9th August 2016 be confirmed as a correct subject to the amendment of grammatical errors.

**B)** The Office Action Plan relating to the Committee was considered. Issues discussed included.

- Item:1 Swan Precinct – Add to a future agenda once all information has been received and then a decision can be made.
- Item 2 Bus Service – No response as yet from our correspondence – Leave on the agenda
- Item 3 Parking in Ilminster – Letters issued, out of our remit
- Item 4 Parking in Ilminster– Raised on the planning agenda
- Item 5 Identifying a New Bus Stop– Letters issued, no response as yet
- Item 6 Coach parking – letters issued as yet no replies

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- Item 8 Free car parking for 2hours - letters issued, unlikely to occur, mayor has updated Councillors on this issue

**P22 Police Report**

There was no written police report and no policing matters were raised or reported.

**P23 Planning Applications**

The Committee considered the applications as detailed below:

**a) 16/03153/LBC, 40 East Street, Ilminster Somerset TA19 0AN**

Remove internal partition and insertion of first floor shower room and partition. Replace windows and erection of a single storey rear extension.

Discussions during consideration of this application included.

- Windows would improve the building
- Worries over Conservation Officer comments with regards to the extension in principle, butts against adjoining listed building, further details could be required.
- No comments online from the neighbour

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL** subject to consultation with the conservation officer and his comments being taken into account.

N.B Cllr Walker declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant

**b) 16/03195/FUL, 12 Greenway, Dowlish Ford, Ilminster TA19 0AN**

The erection of a single storey rear extension, demolition of outbuildings and erection of a detached garage/store/gym.

Discussions during consideration of this application included:

- Current garages are tin, demolish all garages and attach to the existing house
- Outbuildings are verging on derelict condition.

N.B Cllr Shearman declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

N.B Cllr James declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

N.B Cllr Drayton declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

N.B Cllr Walker declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

N.B Cllr Shepherd declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

N.B Cllr Swann declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND APPROVAL**

**c) 16/03479/FUL, 1 Wadham Close, Ilminster Somerset TA19 9BH**

The erection of a detached building to provide ancillary accommodation to main dwelling (Revised Application).

N.B Cllr Shepherd declared a personal interest at this stage as he knows the applicant but will vote

Discussions during consideration of this application included:

- Revisions and application history
- Permission has been granted in a different location

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- Highways comments state to be used only with existing dwelling
- Application specifies no trees near to the property although this has been raised by Planning office
- Building design and elevation
- If intended as an ancillary building it would be adjoining to the existing property
- Positioned away from the property that could be completely annexed.
- Adjacent to Ash tree which has a tree preservation order on, issues with the roots, native species to the UK

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL** on the grounds that the building is poor in design and affects the character and building works may affect the tree which has a preservation order.

**d) 16/02986/LBC, National Westminster Bank, 10 East Street, Ilminster TA19 0AA**

The installation of a replacement ATM machine.

Discussions during consideration of this application included:

- All NatWest branches are installing these ATMs
- If side lights were removed it would be more favourable
- Lights add no function
- Imposing listed building in town, would remove large piece of the building to install
- Conservation Officer’s comments were read to Councillors

**RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND REFUSAL** as it is out of keeping with the building and conservation area, lights are out of character for the conservation area and visual amenity

**P24 Planning Decisions made by SSSC**

The following decisions made by South Somerset District Council were reported for information. Details are on the South Somerset District Council Website:

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch>

**a) 16/02751/S73, Land Off Harts Close, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0AA**

Application to remove condition 06 (no additional internal floor space) from planning permission 15/04926/FUL.

**Refuse Permission**

N.B 8.25pm Meeting taken out of session to hear Speaker 1.

**Speaker 1**

Declared as a resident of Fortnum Place and wished to speak about parking issues at Townsend All cars and vans park against back of houses past the double yellow lines which makes it impossible for 2 vehicles to pass, this occurs as the road narrows before the junction.

Vehicles pulling out of Townsend to turn left to the Town Centre have to pull across the road slowly and traffic is travels at a much faster speed which is a danger. It is impossible to carry out maintenance e.g. window cleaning, pedestrians are forced to walk on the roadside of vehicles to pass as there is no pavement.

N.B Meeting back in session at 8.30pm

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**P25 Parking in Ilminster**

To consider parking issues at Townsend, Ilminster

Issues discussed included:

- Have heard issues raised from other members of the public
- Correspondence with traffic engineer at highways has not dismissed single yellow lines but cars may move further along the road
- Cones could be placed on the road if maintenance was required
- Would be added to a schedule of works only if agreed.
- Safety and access issues – Gates are set back to allow cars out, but with these vehicles parked they have to move further into the road
- Parked cars restrict the road width
- 30 mph limit
- Some vehicles park for 3-4 weeks at a time, some large commercial vehicles
- No footpath, plants cannot be maintained when vehicles are parked
- Suggest time restricted parking e.g. 10am – 4pm which would allow access for residents
- If parking restrictions are imposed a ticket could be issued by a Traffic Warden
- Traffic order has just been revised for Ilminster, so could be some time
- Could request on grounds of road safety etc.

**RESOLVED** to write to SCC Highways requesting single yellow lines and a time restriction e.g. No Parking 8-6 Mon-Friday –on the grounds of Road Safety.

**The Meeting closed at 20.41 hrs.**

Chair's Signature and Date