

AGENDA ITEM 5

Minutes of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting**
held on **1st August 2023** at **19:30** hrs in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster TA19 0DG**

- Chair:** Cllr A Shearman
- Committee:** Cllr Gunn, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr P Sellers
- Officers** M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk), V Freeman (Administration Officer) J Taylor (Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** 1 member of the public, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr L Taylor
- 23-0040-PHT** **Public Forum**
There were no members of the public who wished to speak.
- 23-0041-PHT** **Apologies for absence**
Cllr Karchud
Cllr Tinson
The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.
- 23-0042-PHT** **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23-0043-PHT** **Dispensations**
There were no dispensations requested or granted.
- 23-0044-PHT** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** unanimously for that the Minutes of the meeting held on **4th July 2023** as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Gunn
- 23-0045-PHT** **Bins and waste collection**
Members **NOTED** the report.
Members discussed the bins and waste collections.
Discussions included Somerset Council are carrying out research on comingle bins. The comingle bins can accept rubbish and dog waste, they are also seagull proof. Somerset Council are not actively looking to site any new bins. It is not a statutory requirement to provide rubbish bins.
A representative from Somerset Council recently visited Ilminster to note the location of the bins, if the larger comingle bins are required and if the locations will allow vehicle access close enough to empty the bins.
Officers are waiting for further updates from Somerset Council who are carrying out a charging review of public waste collections. Somerset Council currently cannot deal with separated rubbish, everything is taken to the same incinerator site.
- 23-0046-PHT** **Application for 20MPH Speed Restrictions**
Members **NOTED** the report.
Members discussed the report.

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Discussions included there is no provision in the budget for the cost of requesting a change in speed limits, there is no enforcement provision, the speed limits are not obeyed, Central Government have indicated that they are against 20MPH speed limits.

If we receive a request for a 20MPH we should look into it to see if we can help. Could we ask Somerset Council to collect data on our behalf, a 20MPH limit lowers the impact of a collision, survival rates are much higher at 20MPH than at 30MPH. We could use our SID (speed indicator device) to obtain data in areas of concern.

23-0047-PHT

New Road Parking

This agenda item was deferred to the September committee meeting as the member of the public who wished to address Members sent his apologies as was unexpectedly unable to attend the meeting.

23-0048-PHT

Planning Applications

Somerset Planning webpage:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

- a. 23/01407/HOU The erection of a single storey, glass roofed lean to conservatory off of the lounge on the side of the property. Location: Woodram House, Bay Hill, Ilminster Somerset TA19 0AT Householder Application. Comments application. Members discussed the application. Discussions included there were no comments online, it can't be seen from the road, the houses either side have not objected. Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application.
- b. 23/01703/TCA Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within the conservation area. Location: The Chart House, East Street, Ilminster, TA19 0AW. Notification application only. Members **NOTED** the above application.
- c. 23/01771/HDG Notification – Application to Carry Out Removal and Replacement Works to 02 metres of Hedgerow Location: Southfields Enterprise Park Jordans Road Ilminster Somerset TA19 9FF Notification application only. Members **NOTED** the above application.

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Planning Appeals

No planning appeals were brought to the attention of the committee.

23-0050-PHT

Planning Decisions made by Somerset Council

Members noted the information that decisions were made by Somerset Council and are reported for information.

Meeting ended at 19:55