

AGENDA ITEM 5

Minutes of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting**
held on **3rd October 2023** at **19:30** hrs at the **Council Chamber,**
Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

- Chair:** Cllr A Shearman
- Committee:** Cllr M Gunn, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr I MacKillop,
Cllr P Sellers, Cllr N Tinson
- Officers** M Tredwin (Town Clerk), V Freeman (Administration Officer) J Taylor
(Countryside Manager)
- In attendance:** 1 member of the public, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr B Jenner-
Hurford, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr D Paul
- 23-0062-PHT** **Public Forum**
The Meeting Chair advised the resident, who wished to speak regarding Agenda Item 6 that he will ask him to speak at the start of that agenda item instead.
- 23-0063-PHT** **Apologies for absence**
There were no apologies for absence received.
- 23-0064-PHT** **Declarations of interest**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 23-0065-PHT** **Dispensations**
There were no dispensations requested or granted.
- 23-0066-PHT** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** by 5 votes for that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5th September 2023 as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr James **Seconded** Cllr Shearman
- 23-0067-PHT** **New Road Parking**
A New Road resident addressed members regarding parking on New Road, in Ilminster. The resident is very concerned about 2 parking spaces near the bottom of New Road before the turning into Hill View Terrace. The resident advised Members that there have recently been 2 accidents at the bottom of New Road. The resident has requested that the 2 spaces are removed.
- Members discussed the residents concerns.
- There was a resolution that Officers are to write to Somerset Highways to request that no parking restrictions/double yellow lines are given consideration at the bottom end New Road.
- An amendment to the resolution was proposed and voted upon. This is detailed below.

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Members **RESOLVED** by 5 votes for and 2 against that Officers write to Somerset Council Highways to request that the 2 parking spaces near the bottom of New Road, before the turning into Hill View Terrace, are removed.

Proposer Cllr James **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

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Planning Applications

Somerset Planning webpage:

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

- a. **23/02059/ADV** – McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, Plot 4, Southfields Business Park - The installation of an internally illuminated freestanding totem sign. (Alternative option from option approved 21/03781/ADV, increase in height of proposed totem due to neighbouring tree canopies).

Members discussed the application. Discussions included the height of the sign, how well the sign will be supported and road safety.

Members **RECOMMENDED** by 6 votes for, 1 against to **OBJECT** to the application on the grounds of Road Safety.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

- b. **23/02373/ADV** - McDonalds Restaurants Ltd, Plot 4, Southfields Business Park - The Installation of a non-illuminated directional sign.

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

19.52 Cllr D Paul arrived.

- c. **23/02274/HOU** – Higher Meadow - Erection of a detached car port.

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to **SUPPORT** the application subject to the Conservation Officers approval.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr James

- d. **23/02417/TCA** – Bay Heights, Bay Hill - Notification only of intent to fell No. 1 tree and carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.

This is a notification only and in line with the Council's Constitution and the adopted Scheme of Delegation and Terms of Reference, the decision for this application is delegated to officers. This notification is therefore being provided as a matter of courtesy for your information.

Members **NOTED** the above application.

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Planning Appeals

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

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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 20.03