

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting
held on **5th July 2022** at **19:30 hrs** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee: Cllr M Gunn, Cllr M James, Cllr N Tinson, Cllr L Wilcock

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk) J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO)

In attendance: No members of the public were present, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr P Burton, Cllr S Shepherd

22-0032-PHT Public Forum

22-0033-PHT Apologies for Absence
Cllr L Taylor – Personal Reasons
Cllr I MacKillop – Personal Reasons
Cllr P Sellers – Personal Reasons
Apologies were also received from Cllr Keitch

22-0034-PHT Declarations of Interest
There were no Declarations of Interest made.

22-0035-PHT Dispensations
There were no dispensations requested or granted.

22-0036-PHT Minutes
Members **RESOLVED** that the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th June 2022 as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Gunn **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

22-0037-PHT Clerk's Update Report
Members were updated about Abri installing a dropped kerb on Abbots Close which assists less mobile residents to walk safely. An update had been received regarding the Transport department agreeing to paint 'Keep Clear' signage on Silver Street outside of the archway leading to the flats behind Gibbs Funeral Services.
There was a lot of discussion regarding the recent installation of the Speed Indicator Device (SID) and the data that had been collected. Concerns were raised of the possibility that speeds may be recorded incorrectly, the speeds entering and leaving the zone could be flawed if the machine isn't regularly calibrated. Members were assured that the SID is only for evidence gathering, and if there appears to be an issue, the data could be shared with the police and/or Highways.
Cllr James provided an update regarding lighting of the area of Swann Precinct. This had been discussed by the Chamber of Commerce who had gained approval from the trustees of the

precinct to install lights, and they had hoped to install 4 solar powered lights.
Members **NOTED** the report.

22-0038-PHT

Planning applications

a) 22/01145/FUL – Lydons, Ditton Street - Change of use: dwelling 'Lydons' to office and amenity in connection with adjacent vets practice.

Members **RECOMMENDED** by 4 votes for and 1 vote against to support the application.

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

b) SCC/3973/2022 – Station Road roundabout – 3 roundabout advertisement/sponsorship signs. The facia of each sign measures 500 x 1000 mm with a depth of 2mm, installed at a height of 260mm from the ground to the base of the sign.

The main concerns raised were related to public safety issues. Secondary concerns related to the signage not in keeping with the surrounding area and nearby conservation area of Ilminster. With reference to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advertisements>

Paragraph: 067 Reference ID: 18b-067-20140306

Government guidance All advertisements are intended to attract attention but proposed advertisements at points where drivers need to take more care are more likely to affect public safety. For example, at junctions, roundabouts, pedestrian crossings, on the approach to a low bridge or level crossing or other places where local conditions present traffic hazards.

Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 1 vote against to object to the application.

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

c) SCC/3976/2022 – Canal Way roundabout East - 4 roundabout advertisement/sponsorship signs. The facia of each sign measures 500 x 1000 mm with a depth of 2mm, installed at a height of 260mm from the ground to the base of the sign.

The main concerns raised were related to public safety issues. Secondary concerns related to the signage not in keeping with the surrounding area and nearby conservation area of Ilminster. With reference to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advertisements>

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Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 1 vote against to object to the application.

Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

d) SCC/3977/2022 – Canal Way roundabout West - 4 roundabout advertisement/sponsorship signs. The fascia of each sign measures 500 x 1000 mm with a depth of 2mm, installed at a height of 260mm from the ground to the base of the sign.

The main concerns raised were related to public safety issues. Secondary concerns related to the signage not in keeping with the surrounding area and nearby conservation area of Ilminster. With reference to <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/advertisements>

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Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 1 vote against to object to the application.

Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

22-0039-PHT

Planning Appeals

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

22-0040-PHT

Planning decisions made by SSDC

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

Meeting ended at 20.17