

Minutes of the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee meeting held on
**1st March 2022 at 19:30 hrs, in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
North Street Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee: Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr L Wilcock,
Cllr M James

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO), V
Freeman (Administration Officer)

In attendance: Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr P Burton, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford and
1 member of the public

P507 Public Forum

Keith Reeves addressed members regarding parking restrictions on West Street. Comments included parking restrictions cause pressure on Brewery Lane and by the Crown pub. Mr Reeves has spoken to the businesses and residents in West Street and apart from 2 businesses, who have brought season tickets for the car park, they indicated they were in favour of the restrictions being removed. Residents in the area have received parking tickets as they thought it was free parking for residents.

The Meeting Chair thanked Mr Reeves for his comments and advised that the item would be discussed later in the meeting under agenda item 6 (P512).

P508 Apologies for absence

Cllr Swann – Personal reasons
Cllr Gunn – Work commitments

P509 Declarations of Interest

Cllr MacKillop declared an interest in agenda item 6 (P512) as he had recently become a resident in the area being discussed.

P510 Dispensations

There were no dispensations requested or granted.

P511 Minutes

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2022 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

P512 West Street restricted parking

Members discussed the parking restrictions in West Street. Discussions included: would residents like the restrictions removed completely or for the area to be made residents/permit parking. If there had been any

feedback from the Chamber of trade. If parking restrictions are removed it would be open access for anyone to park there. Would the restrictions be removed from Silver Street to Brewery Lane or for a smaller area. There were concerns raised about the existing parking at the junction onto the main road as visibility can be difficult at times.

Members discussed that there would have to be a public consultation as part of the Traffic Regulation Order.

Members **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that officers be delegated authority to write to Somerset County Council to remove the West Street Traffic Regulation Order from Silver Street to Brewery Lane, taking into account any safety recommendations put forward by Somerset Highways.

Members **RESOLVED** by 5 votes for and 1 abstention, Cllr MacKillop due to his declaration of interest,

Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

P513

Dog fouling

Members **NOTED** the report and the response from South Somerset District Council.

P514

Swan Precinct unlit at night

Members discussed the Swan Precinct being unlit at night. Discussions included the land is privately owned, who would pay for the maintenance and the electricity bill, the residents have concerns that any lighting may shine into their homes. If the area is lit, it may attract groups of people to frequent it. Even though it is a dark area there has been no recent trouble/vandalism. It can be intimidating for people walking through the precinct at night. Low level lighting at the base of the planters may be enough to make people feel safe. The precinct is not the only throughfare to and from the supermarket. Could some kind of lighting be put on the archway/wall owned by Tesco.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to recommend to Full Council that officers be delegated authority to contact Tesco Ilminster Store to establish what help can be given to light Swann Precinct.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

P515 Planning Applications

a)21/03081/LBC - 29 Silver Street - Existing 1960's aluminium sliding sash windows to front elevation to be removed and replaced with hardwood (white painted/stained) timber windows. Cleaning and minor remedial works to the timber work surrounds to the front entrance pilasters and ingoes.

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd

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b) 22/00038/HOU - Pennygault Cottage, Greenway, Dowlish Ford - Erection of a rear extension to existing garage to form a two storey, one bedroom annex to be used as ancillary to main dwelling
Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr James

c) 22/00085/HOU - 105 Blackdown View - Erection of a single storey wrap-around extension and internal alteration
Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application

Proposer Cllr James **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

d) 21/03828/FUL - Land OS 2800 at Rose Mill Farm, Cheshays Hill, Horton - Change of use of agricultural land to equestrian and the erection of four timber portable stable buildings
Members observed that the plans do not show how close the public footpath will be to the new building.
Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application subject to the current right of way not being compromised in any way.

Proposer Cllr James **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

e) 22/00257/HOU - White Horse Lodge, 9A Bay Hill - Erection of Double Garage with Office above
Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application subject to none of windows in the new building overlook the neighbouring property.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr James

f) 22/00248/LBC - 5 Court Barton - Removal of cement mortar pointing on the front wall of the house and replacement with the lime mortar mix used on the house gable wall
Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to approve the application

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr James

P516 **Planning Appeals**
No planning appeals were brought to the attention of the committee.

P517 **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 20.26