

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting held on
19th July 2022 at 19.30hrs, in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices,**
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG

Chair: Cllr L Taylor

Committee: Cllr P Burton, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr I Mackillop, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr D Paul, Cllr P Sellers, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr N Tinson

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

In attendance: 2 members of the public

2022-0067-TC Public Forum

There were no members of the public who requested to speak

2022-0068-TC Apologies for Absence

Cllr Keitch – Personal reasons

Cllr Wilcock – Personal reasons

2022-0069-TC District and County Councillors Report

Members **NOTED** the District Councillors report

Members **NOTED** the County Councillors report

2022-0070-TC Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hamilton declared an interest in Agenda Items 18 and 21 Judicial Review Claim against South Somerset District Council

2022-0071-TC Dispensations

None requested, none granted

2022-0072-TC Minutes – Town Council

Members **RESOLVED** by 10 votes for and 3 abstentions that the Minutes from the meeting held on 21st June 2022 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

2022-0073-TC Minutes – Planning, Highways and Transport

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 5th July 2022.

2022-0074-TC Minutes – Resources Committee

Members **NOTED** the Minutes from the meeting held on 5th July 2022 and considered the recommendations from the committee.

R22-010 Magistrates Court Move

A Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that £25,000 be vired from General Reserves to budget 361 to cover removal and setup costs for the Old Magistrates Court building.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

B Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that Officers to be given delegated responsibility to engage a removal company to handle the transfer of items between old and new premises.

Proposer Cllr Burton **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

- C** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to appoint Dan's Window Cleaning Services to clean the Old Magistrates Court windows for three years or until such time as officers feel it appropriate to reassess the agreement.
Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Paul

Cllr Burton declared an interest in Agenda Item 8d

- D** Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention to delegate to officers, authority to acquire a new photocopier in accordance with Financial Regulations on the understanding Members will ratify the decision at the first possible Full Council meeting after a decision is made.
Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd
- E** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to dispose of the Town Council's old photocopiers, with details of their disposal reported to a subsequent meeting for noting.
Proposer **Cllr Hamilton** **Seconded** Cllr Jenner-Hurford
- F** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to engage a communications company to provide internet and telephones at the Old Magistrates Court. Any engagement will be carried out in accordance with Financial Regulations and Standing orders. The details will be brought to Full Council at the following meeting for ratification.
Proposer Cllr Burton **Seconded** Cllr Paul

R22-013 Staff update

- G** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that a three month fixed position of grounds worker be created.
Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Shearman
- H** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that employee number 7 move to a pay range of SCP 5-8 from 1 August 2022.
Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

2022-0075-TC Police Report
Members **NOTED** the police report

2022-0076-TC Mayor/Deputy Mayors reports
Members **NOTED** the Mayor and Deputy Mayor's reports

Cllr Shearman thanked Deputy Mayor Cllr Hamilton for attending events in the Mayor's absence.

2022-0077-TC Clerk's Update
Members **NOTED** the Clerks Update.
Cllr Osborne updated members that there has been a delay on reviewing Local Community Networks.

2022-0078-TC Acquisition of land adjacent to Tesco petrol station

Members discussed the proposal. Discussions included if the land is inside or outside the conservation area, if planning permission would be needed/granted for the store. If it is possible to submit a pre-planning application.

Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention to authorise Officers to investigate acquiring the land adjacent to Tesco Filling Station as identified in the report Appendix 12A for Ilminster Town Council.

Proposer Cllr Paul **Seconded** Cllr James

2022-0079-TC SSDC Statement of Principles under the Gambling Act 2005

Members **RESOLVED unanimously** that officers be delegated authority to collate individual members responses and add them to comments made at the meeting in order to provide a response on behalf of the Town Council.

Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

2022-0080-TC Income and Expenditure report

Members **NOTED** the income and expenditure report.

2022-0081-TC Schedule of Payments

Members **NOTED** the report

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to agree the payments for June 2022.

Proposer Cllr Taylor **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

2022-0082-TC Rotary Clock

Members discussed the offer from the Rotary Club of Ilminster.

Members **RESOLVED** by 11 votes for and 2 abstentions to thank the Rotary Club of Ilminster for their offer to take ownership of the clock but respectfully decline the offer in order that future public funds are available to assist the Ilminster community in other areas.

Proposer Cllr Paul **Seconded** Cllr James

2022-0083-TC North Street Offices

This item was moved to exempt business

2022-0084-TC Judicial Review Claim against South Somerset District Council

This item was moved to exempt business

2022-0085-TC Exempt Business

That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Proposer Cllr Jenner Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

2022-0086-TC North Street Offices

- After discussions members made the following resolutions,
- A** Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention to notify SSDC that they would like to purchase the building, upon agreement that they are able to obtain the necessary funding through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and a suitable survey being carried out.
 - B** Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention to commission a surveyor to provide a building condition report on North Street
 - C** Members **RESOLVED** by 12 votes for and 1 abstention to create a working group of 4 members and officers to investigate applying for Grants under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund and once a satisfactory survey has been carried out to consider future uses of Council Offices on North Street and engage an architect has produced some preliminary designs.

Proposer Cllr Paul **Seconded** Cllr James

20.27 Cllr Hamilton left the chamber

The Town Clerk reminded members that under Standing Order 13d unless a dispensation had been granted, a councillor or non-councillor with voting rights shall withdraw from a meeting when it is considering a matter in which he has another interest if so required by the Council's code of conduct.

20.29 Councillor Osborne left the meeting at this juncture.

2022-0087-TC Judicial Review Claim against South Somerset District Council

Members were updated on the claim for a Judicial Review against SSDC.

- A** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to allocate £6000 from General Reserves to legal fees.
Proposer Cllr Jenner-Hurford **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd
- B** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to meet with legal representatives to discuss this matter and to take any appropriate initial steps advised by the legal representatives
Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr James
- C** Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve that Officers liaise with the Mayor and Cllr Shearman over any legal advice given.
Proposer Cllr Shepherd **Seconded** Cllr Tinson

Meeting ended at 21.06