

Minutes of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting**
held on **6th December 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 I MacKillop, Cllr P Sellers, Cllr L Wilcock

Officers J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO), V Freeman (Administration Officer), J Taylor (Countryside Manager)

In attendance: No members of the public, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford and Cllr S Osborne

22-0085-PHT Public Forum
There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

22-0086-PHT Apologies for absence
Cllr L Taylor – Personal reasons
Cllr N Tinson – Personal reasons
Cllr M James – Business commitments

22-0087-PHT Declarations of interest
There were no declarations of interest made.

22-0088-PHT Dispensations
There were no dispensations requested or granted.

22-0089-PHT Minutes
Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2022 as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

19.35 Cllr Jenner-Hurford joined the meeting.

22-0090-PHT Ditton Street pedestrian crossing proposal
Members discussed if there was a need for a pedestrian crossing. Discussions included the crossing would be in a conservation area, the road is very narrow, the requirement that the crossing has to be 5 metres from the junction, and would people walk 5 metres down the road to use the crossing.

Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for and 1 abstention to reject the proposal of writing to Highways to consider putting in a pedestrian crossing at the junction of Ditton Street, East Street and Silver Street due to the area being a conservation area and as the crossing would have to be situated 5 metres down the road, it would not be used.

Proposer Cllr Gunn **Seconded** Cllr Wilcock

22-0091-PHT Planning applications

1. [22/02592/ADV](#) – Station Road Roundabout, Station Road – No. 3 Roundabout Advertisement/Sponsorship signs/chevrons with directional signs and downlighters. Grassed.

Members discussed their concerns, and they were the same as when they considered the application previously. 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 **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to **REJECT** the application.

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr MacKillop

19.50 Cllr Osborne joined the meeting

2. [22/02826/HOU](#) – 6 Higher Beacon – Replacement single storey side extension, rear dormer window and new window to front elevation.

Members discussed the application. Discussions included that there is an existing window and the distance between the houses. Members noted the neighbour's comments.

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

Proposer Cllr Wilcock **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

3. [22/03117/HOU](#) – The Old Coach House 35A East Street – Installation of block wall in render, raised patio/terrace in blockwork with flagstone finish and timber fence in the raised garden to the rear of the dwelling house. Erection of timber framed pergola and two small timber sheds also in rear garden (Retrospective Application).

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support the application subject to the conservation officer's approval.

Proposer Cllr Sellers **Seconded** Cllr MacKillop

2022-0092-PHT Planning Appeals

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

2022-0093-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 20.11