

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **2nd February 2021** via Skype commencing at 19:30hrs

Present:

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee Members Cllr L Taylor, Cllr L Wilcock, Cllr V Higgins and Cllr I Mackillop

In Attendance:

Councillors: P Burton and B Hamilton

Officers: Julie Earp (Deputy Town Clerk) Hayley White (Town Clerk)

One speaker

The Deputy Town Clerk spoke on behalf of the resident

I have recently moved to Sea just outside Ilminster and am concerned at the speed and velocity of cars, vans and lorries that hurtle through the hamlet with no requirements to slow down at all. There is no sign to say drive carefully and as there are no street-lamps, I assume there is a speed limit of 60mph which I assure you, some vehicles reach. This is a highway used by joggers, walkers, cyclists, horse riders and the noise from the fast traffic is constant. Even Cricket Malherbie has a sign about driving considerately - there is nothing in Sea. Who do I speak to petition for action? There is actually a considerable community of people living here and new houses have been built- we need change before someone is hurt or killed on this road.

The chair thanked the speaker for their comments. It was considered that contact should be made with Cllr Vjeh who is on the parish council for the boundary in which the road runs.

Cllr Hamilton provided the committee with an update regarding phosphates issue in the water course in the levels. There will be a new developer tool introduced for new applications and what needs to be completed to mitigate against the problem. This will be an ongoing process.

P389 Apologies for absence

Cllr R Swann and Cllr James

P390 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

P391 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 were considered.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd February 2021 be confirmed as a correct record.

P392 Office Action Plan

Consideration was given to the current action plan. A grit bin was mentioned for High Beacon. It was suggested that this was added as an Agenda item for the next meeting.

No other comments were made on the current action plan.

P393 Disabled Bay at Orchard Vale

Consideration was given to a request from a resident regarding a new disabled parking bay at Orchard Vale. The resident has an email from the Traffic Management, Road Safety and Parking Services stating that any request must have the support of the parish council.

RESOLVED to provide support for the application in principle but it will fall on Somerset County Council's Traffic Management and Highways Department as to whether they can locate a suitable place that is feasible for the disabled bay.

P394 30mph signage along Station Road and Canal Way

Consideration was given to additional speed limit signage along Station Road and Canal Way. It was considered to have been a problem for several years. Additional signage on the road may be of benefit.

RESOLVED for the Town Clerk to contact the Highways at Somerset County Council to see if additional signage can be provided along Station Road and Canal Way.

P395 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

(a) 20/03539/FUL – Building at Rutters Lane Ilminster TA19 9AB

Change of use from veterinary consulting room to small fitness studio

Issues discussed during consideration were:

Parking - the public can use the car park across the road.

No other comments discussed.

RESOLVED to recommend that South Somerset District Council accept the application for change of use.

(b) 21/00127/HOU – Summers Orchard 3 Speke Close Ilminster Somerset TA19 9BJ

Single storey extension to south east elevation and new porch to north east elevation

Issues discussed during consideration were:

The application looks to improve the use of the building.

No other observations.

RESOLVED to recommend that South Somerset District Council accept the planning application.

(c) 21/00194/HOU – Summervale Mews Wharf Lane Ilminster Somerset TA19 9BJ

Erection of conservatory

Issues discussed during consideration were:

The comment raised by the neighbour regarding the soakaway was discussed.

No other observations made.

RESOLVED to recommend that South Somerset District Council accept the application in accordance with the District Council's planning requirements for surface and run off water.

(d) 20/03292/COU – The Old Gooch & House Building Cornhill Market Place East Street Ilminster

Change of use from B2 General Industrial to Mixed use including Class B1 - Light Industrial, Class A1 - Shops and Retail, Class A3 - Food & Drink, Class A4 - Drinking Establishments, Class A5 - Hot Food & Takeaway and Class B1 (a) & (c) - Offices/Light Industrial (Artisan/Craft Workshops).

Issues discussed during consideration were:

Some of the application is retrospective.

The new owner is trying to cover their bases as they develop the building and encompass everything.

Access to the property continues to be a problem.

Overall, the application is for general change of use.

No other observations were made.

RESOLVED to recommend that South Somerset District Council accept the general application for change of use.

P396 Planning Appeals

No planning appeals.

P397 Planning Decisions made by SSDC

Decisions made by South Somerset District Council are reported for information. For more details please see South Somerset District Council website: <http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch>

The meeting closed at: 20:29hrs