

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **7 February 2017** in the Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster commencing at 19.30hrs

Present:

Chairman: Cllr Shearman

Councillors Cllr Fagan, Cllr Fowler, Cllr James, Cllr Kinder, Cllr Mackillop, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Swann and Cllr Walker.

Officers in attendance: Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

1 member of the public attended the meeting

P53 Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Burton, Drayton, Keitch and Sothern.

P54 Declarations of Interest

Councillors made Declarations of Interest as detailed in the table below

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Nature of Interest	Type of Interest	Action
Cllr S Shepherd	Agenda No 8, Plans for the Cricket Pavilion	P60	Cricket Club President	Personal	Spoke

P55 Minutes

- A) The minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 were considered **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 10 January 2017 be confirmed as a correct record, subject to the date of the meeting referred to in Minute P47 being amended to read 6 December 2016 rather than 6 December 2017.
- B) To consider the Office` Action Plan relating to the Committee.to the date of the **RESOLVED** to note the office action plan

P56 Police Report

There was no written police report and no policing matters were raised or reported.

P57 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the applications as detailed below:

a) 16/05512/FUL 72 Station Road, Ilminster

Insertion of additional first floor window to front elevation

Issues discussed during consideration of the application included:

- In keeping with other buildings in the vicinity

RESOLVED to recommend approval

b) 17/00336/FUL Ilminster Police Station, Butts, Ilminster

Alterations and conversion of former police station and erection of first floor extension to existing storage building to create 7 No flats, construction of cycle and bin stores and associated parking

Issues discussed during consideration of the application included:

Chair's Initials

- Parking provision – is the provision shown on the proposed layout achievable and practical
- Public transport - bus services in Ilminster are limited, the accuracy and context of the information provided in the design and access statement (particularly “(a total of 17 local bus services)” needs clarification
RESOLVED to recommend approval

P58 Planning Decisions made by SSDC

The following decisions made by South Somerset District Council were reported for information. For more details, please see South Somerset District Council Website:

<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch>

- 16/04045/ADV The Shrubbery Hotel, Station Road, Ilminster**
Remove existing post mounted sign and display of 1No. internally illuminated projecting sign
Grant Consent with conditions
- 16/05032/FUL 4 Summerlands Park Avenue Ilminster**
The erection of a single storey front erection
Grant Permission with conditions
- 16/05254/FUL 7 The Incline, Ilminster**
Erection of single storey extension to front elevation and alterations to existing porch (part retrospective)
Grant Permission with conditions

P59 Planning Appeals

16/03479/FUL 1 Wadham Close, Ilminster

The erection of a detached building to provide ancillary accommodation to man dwelling (revised application)

An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the South Somerset District Council's (SSDC) decision to refuse planning permission for the application detailed above. The appeal will be determined by written representations and there is no opportunity for the Town Council to submit further comments. The comments already submitted in respect of the application will be forwarded by SSDC to the Planning Inspectorate. The Planning Inspectorate aims to deal with appeals 8 weeks of the appeal starting date (29 December 2016) and the appeal decision will be published on the Planning Portal website at

www.planningportal.gov.uk/pcs

P60 Plans for the Cricket Pavilion

The plans for modernising the Cricket Pavilion on Wharf Lane Recreation Ground were considered before application for planning permission is submitted to South Somerset District Council.

Issues discussed during consideration of the application included:

- Access path – stops on the opposite side to the ramp

Note: 7.56pm the Chair took the meeting out of session to enable the member of the public to explain that there is a 4' wide path along the front of the building which joins the proposed access path; the meeting went back into session at 8.02pm

- Disabled access within the building including the balcony area
- Gas pipe - how is it going to be buried
- Access for contractors' vehicles – temporary road / track
- Concern that the turns on the ramps will be too sharp for easy manoeuvring by wheel chair users
- Health & Safety of site and users

- Contractors using the gate by the tennis courts may mean restrictions on the public using that access point
- Need for the Cricket Club to agree to do any re-instatement before return to the IEF absolving ITC of any responsibility for costs.

RESOLVED

- (i) That the IEF are formally approached for their permission to implement the plans
- (ii) To submit a planning application to South Somerset District Council

P61 Request for a Bus Shelter

A request for a bus shelter at the bus stop by the Stonemasons public house was considered.

Issues discussed during consideration of the application included:

- Bus shelter in Canal Way is well used
- This is a popular bus stop and used by lots of people
- May encourage use of bus
- Other locations that would be suggested
- Responsibility for maintenance
- Possibility of sponsorship towards costs

RESOLVED to investigate costs and location requirements

The meeting closed 8.19pm