

Minutes of the **Town Council** held in the Council Chamber, North Street, Ilminster on Tuesday 22 November 2016 on the rising of the Open Spaces committee

### **Present:**

Chairman: Cllr V Keitch

Councillors: P Burton, J Fagan, J Fowler, M James, , D Kinder, I Mackillop, A Shearman, S Shepherd, J Sothern ,R Swann and T Walker.

### **In Attendance**

Officers: Mr Ryan Gold (Senior Open Spaces Warden), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk),

**No members of the public attended the meeting.**

### **138 Apologies for absence.**

An apology for absence was received from Councillor R Drayton.

### **139 Declarations of Interest.**

No Declarations of Interest were made regarding any of the agenda items.

### **140 Minutes.**

As the draft minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2016 were not available this item was deferred until the next Town council meeting.

### **141 Ilminster Conservation Area**

The town Council considered it's response to the consultation by South Somerset District Council regarding the review of the Ilminster Conservation area and proposed changes: Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The proposed amendments to Map 4 suggested in the consultation document
- The purpose of designating an area as a conservation are and the impact of that designation
- That residents of properties proposed to be within a conservation area do not have to be consulted about the proposed designation
- The need for a holistic rather than piecemeal approach
- The possible inclusion of the row of cottages opposite the Tesco filling station
  - a) The possible inclusion of The Ditton Street School Playground which was an integral part of the old school
- The possible inclusion of the row of cottages on the western side of the road at Cross
- The possible inclusion of Knott Oak House
- The possible inclusion of the curtilage of the playing field and main lab hut as part of the old Ilminster grammar school site
- The possible inclusion of the cemetery
- The possible inclusion of Love Lane, including area north of the road, the row of cottages running south, the 2 listed cottages on the southern end and the row of cottages on the eastern side at the end of the lane. This also to include the remaining larger wall on the eastern / northern side which has just recently been opened for car parking; this wall should remain an intact part of the conservation area setting for this part of town. Also include the ginnel (Upper Love Lane) to junction of East Street / Bay Hill

- The possible inclusion of the wall along Butts opposite Blackdown View
- The possible inclusion of the town allotments
- The possible inclusion of the cottages at The Beacon
- The possible inclusion of the Canal and the incline
- The possible inclusion of 1 Brewery Lane
- Whether Quantock Court should be omitted or included within a conservation area
- Whether The Cross Farnhouse should be omitted or included within a conservation area
- The Toll House is already listed but not within a conservation area

**RESOLVED that**

- (i) The proposed amendments to Map 4 (nos 1 to 17) accompanying the consultation letter are all supported.
- (ii) The Town Council would also like the following suggestions to be considered:
  - b) The Ditton Street School Playground should be included - this was an integral part of the old school
  - c) Include the row of cottages on the western side of the road at Cross
  - d) Include Knott Oak House
  - e) As part of the old Ilminster Grammar School site include the curtilage of the playing field and main lab hut
  - f) Include Love Lane, including area north of the road, the row of cottages running south, the 2 listed cottages on the southern end and the row of cottages on the eastern side at the end of the lane. This also to include the remaining larger wall on the eastern / northern side which has just recently been opened for car parking; this wall should remain an intact part of the conservation area setting for this part of town. Also include the ginnel (Upper Love Lane) to junction of East Street / Bay Hill
  - g) Include the wall along Butts opposite Blackdown View (North of Area 13); this was the subject of much controversy in the 1980s when part was demolished
  - h) Include the town allotments
  - i) Area 3 to include the cottages at the Beacon
  - j) Include the row of cottages in Ditton Street opposite Tesco Filling Station (between E & S computers and the fish & chip shop)
  - k) Include the Canal and The Incline
  - l) Include No 1 Brewery Lane
- (iii) Representatives of the Town Council would be happy to arrange to walk the areas with the Conservation Officer to discuss the suggestions listed in (ii) above.

The meeting closed at 21:19hrs