

Emails between the Clerk and Wessex water

Wednesday 15 June 2022

Dear Paul,

That is very disappointing to learn that you are unable to attend bearing in mind the level of concern being voiced at this stage.

Town and Parish council's as I am sure you know often delegate only a small amount of their powers to officers and the policy decisions are actually made by members. I take a steer from my members and in order for me to do so they need to be fully conversant with information provided by yourselves.

Whilst reasonably conversant with the plans for the carpark now that you have selected that site, I do not believe that I can explain to members what the advantages/reasons are for the need to use it over the Recreation Ground. I would ask you to reconsider whether someone could attend on the 21 June.

As for providing a date I will be better able to do this once I know who from the members might wish to attend the meeting, as I suspect that one or two might.

Regards
Mark

From: Paul Delves <Paul.Delves@wessexwater.co.uk>
Sent: 15 June 2022 12:56
Subject: RE: C00432 Brewery Lane, Ilminster

Dear Mark

Unfortunately my team and I will be unable to attend your meeting on the 21st June. More than happy to attend a public meeting once we have held our meeting with you and your colleagues in July. Please can I have your availability for July so we can book something in.

Thank you

Regards,

Paul Delves
Project Manager
Wessex Water | The Admiralty Gatehouse, Mill Street, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, BH21 3RQ

From: Mark Tredwin
Sent: 13 June 2022 14:49
To: Paul Delves
Subject: RE: C00432 Brewery Lane, Ilminster

Dear Paul,

I will look to taking advice from the members but would like to reiterate my offer for you or one of your colleagues to attend the meeting on the 21 so that the members can learn first hand of the complexities surrounding using the car park as opposed to another location.

Far better that you explain directly and for them to be able to ask first hand any questions that they may have.

As I am sure you are aware ultimately the amount of delegated power that officers have at town and parish level is far reduced to our higher tiered colleagues.

Regards
Mark

Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
Ilminster Town Council

From: Paul
Sent: 13 June 2022 14:27
To: Mark Tredwin
Subject: RE: C00432 Brewery Lane, Ilminster

Dear Mark

Thank you for your email. In light of this, and the attached emails received last week, can you please let me know your availability in July where we can come and meet with you to discuss further to iron out any concerns to allow us to work together on this to find a solution.

It would be appreciated if at your meeting on the 21st June, you raise this with your committee members that you can inform them that you will be meeting with Wessex Water in July to discuss further.

Thank you

Regards,

Paul Delves
Project Manager
Wessex Water | The Admiralty Gatehouse, Mill Street, Corfe Mullen, Dorset, BH21 3RQ

From: Mark Tredwin <town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 June 2022 14:11
To: Paul Delves
Subject: RE: C00432 Brewery Lane, Ilminster
9 June 2022

Good afternoon Paul,

Thank you for the update about the planned works that you have scheduled now for September 2023.

Like Ian I am very concerned that it is intended that these works will now be taking place at the Wharf Street Carpark.

Ian has come back to you with his concerns over the siting of this chamber at this location and I can only agree that there does appear that there is viable alternative in siting the works at the Recreation Ground.

On behalf of Ilminster residents I would be interested to receive a response to the following considerations and what part they played in Wessex Water decision making process. I will need this response in order to update members of the Town Council at the Full Council Meeting on the 21 June.

1. Has Greenfylde School been contacted with regards:
 - a. The “Hydro-slide Chamber outside the school gates” and the issues surrounding its installation.
 - b. What consideration has been given to the fact that the school provides “After-school” and “Breakfast” clubs as part of their wrap around educational responsibilities from 7-45 am and 5-30 pm. This provision means there are parents dropping off and picking up in darkness during the Winter hours.
 - c. The carpark has a 15 min drop off and pick up period for parents whose children attend the school, how is this to be catered for bearing in mind that Wharf Lane is a dead end.
 - d. The safeguarding of 250 students at the start and end of the day is paramount, what provisions are being made for them?
 - e. Students from Greenfylde are also educated at the sister site Swanmead and there are regular foot movements between the two sites.
 - f. The impact of noise and other environmental issues on the daily lessons that take place both inside and outside the school?
 - g. Staff have permits to park in the carpark, what measures will be taken to ensure they have somewhere safe that they can park bearing in mind that they often arrive before dawn and leave after dusk.
2. As a town Ilminster is struggling to emerge economically from the Covid Pandemic and any loss of car parking in the town will have a negative impact on business recovery.
3. Immediately in the vicinity of the site are 32 “extra-care” housing units that will be severely affected by the works in the carpark.
4. Whilst not the direct concern for the Town Council, the loss of income to SSDC will not be insignificant.

I am unable following the meeting when the plan was initially brought to members, to see any support forthcoming from Ilminster Town Council for the works to take place in the car-park when there would appear to be a viable alternative site very close by. It is also clear that ward members for the Town Council as well as County Council will not support at this stage the works being sited there.

Even if we had a “PR team” I fail to see that it would find many reasons to support this location over the Recreation Ground.

I would like to extend to you, or your representative, an invitation to join the Full Council meeting on the 21 June 2022 at 7-30pm. This will then give you an opportunity to explain why this site has been considered favourable to that of the recreation ground which would preclude any of these issues occurring.

Regards
Mark

Mark Tredwin
Town clerk
Ilminster Town Council

From: Paul Delves
Sent: 08 June 2022 16:32
Subject: FW: C00432 Brewery Lane, Ilminster

Dear Ian, Julie & Mark

I hope you are all well and enjoyed the recent jubilee weekend. It has been a while since I have provided an update on the above scheme. Behind the scenes we have further assessed options relating to the two locations presented to you in my email dated 4th February 2022. As part of the proposed solution we need to install a hydro-slide chamber outside the entrance to Greenfylde First School. The chamber is required to control flow within the network upstream of the existing CSO (combined sewer overflow). As you know, the storage tank solution is required to reduce annual spills seen at the existing CSO.

One point discussed internally was the need to maintain/improve hydraulics within the system, it is therefore recommended that our storage tank is located as close to the hydroslide chamber as possible. With this said, our preferred location will be the car park shown within attached plan C00432-FIGURE_0004. I understand this car park is owned by Somerset District Council. During the recent assessment, it has been noted that the storage tank volume will be reduced, this will mean that we will be able to position all new covers appropriately to ensure they are not located within the existing parking spaces.

I would be grateful if you can inform your colleagues of this and feedback any questions that may come your way. One update from my previous email is a change in start date. We had previously envisaged starting in May 2023, this has since moved and we are now looking to start in September 2023.

I would be grateful to have an opportunity to meet with you (Teams or at an office of your choice) to discuss stakeholder engagement from a PR point of view. It may be a good idea to bring your PR team in at this stage to ensure the same message is delivered.

Thank you for your time

Regards,

Paul Delves
Project Manager
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