

Minutes of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee Meeting**
held on **6th June 2023** at **19:30** hrs in the **Council Chamber, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster TA19 0DG**

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee: Cllr Gunn, Cllr Hamilton, Cllr Karchud, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr P Sellers, and Cllr N Tinson

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

In attendance: 4 members of the public. Cllr Taylor, Cllr Jenner-Hurford, Cllr Shepherd, Cllr Osborne, Cllr Paul.

23-0017-PHT **To Elect a Chair**
Nominations were invited for the office of Chair for the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee.
Cllr Shearman received a nomination from Cllr Sellers and Seconded by Cllr Tinson
Cllr James received a nomination from Cllr Hamilton and Seconded by Cllr MacKillop
There were no other nominations.
Members voted, there were 5 votes for Cllr Shearman and 1 vote for Cllr James
Members **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Shearman as Chair of the Planning, Highways and Transport committee.

23-0018-PHT **To Elect a Vice Chair**
Nominations were invited for the office of Vice Chair for the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee.
Cllr Sellers received a nomination from Cllr Shearman and Seconded by Cllr Karchud
There were no other nominations.
Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to elect Cllr Sellers as Vice Chair of the Planning, Highways and Transport committee.

23-0019-PHT **Public Forum**
A resident from Sea addressed members regarding concerns about the speed limit from the A358 to the Ilminster boundary.
The residents are living in fear and the Sea Community Action Group has been set up, they have a bank account and fundraising group.
Residents of Sea are very concerned about the speed that traffic drives through the village, and they feel that the national speed limit is no longer appropriate.
Users of the popular Chard to Ilminster Cycle path have to cross the road at Sea.
The action group are looking to reduce the speed limit to 40mph and 30mph on Sea bends.
They are asking for the committees endorsement, and work together to make these changes happen.

- 23-0020-PHT** **Apologies for absence**
Cllr M James
The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.
- 23-0021-PHT** **Declarations of interest**
Cllr Hamilton declared an interest in agenda item 12 f as a regular at Ilminster Cricket Club and agenda item 12 j as he knows the applicant.
- 23-0022-PHT** **Dispensations**
There were no dispensations requested or granted.
- 23-0023-PHT** **Minutes**
Members **RESOLVED** by 5 votes for that the Minutes of the meeting held on **2nd May 2023** as a correct record.
Proposer Cllr Tinson **Seconded** Cllr Shearman
- 23-0024-PHT** **Terms of Reference**
Members **NOTED** the Terms of Reference provided by Full Council on the 16 May 2023.
- 23-0025-PHT** **Planning Development Management Guidance for Parish, Town and City Councils**
Members **NOTED** the report.
Members were reminded that a Responding to Planning Applications training course is available, if you would like to attend, please let the office know and they will arrange it for you.
- 20.01** Cllr Gunn arrived
20.01 Cllr Paul arrived for the Open Spaces meeting.
- 23-0026-PHT** **Speed Limits in Sea**
Members to **NOTED** the report.
Members discussed the Sea residents concerns regarding speeding
Discussions included the population of sea has increased, the use of the cycle path between Ilminster and Chard has increased (users of the path have to cross the road at Sea), what support the Council has previously given, the Parishes boundaries have changed over the years, highways have indicated that the data didn't support it being an accident blackspot and that the committee should be looking to support local parishes.
Sea residents have indicated that they have an action group that are willing to fundraise and are looking for the Committees support.
Members were advised that a resident at a recent Councillors Surgery raised the issue of speeding through Sea.
It was suggested that a meeting between Ilminster Town Council, Dowlish Wake Parish Council, Donyatt Parish Council and Highways could be arranged.
Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to support the formal reduction of the speed limit from the A358 to the Ilminster Town boundary.
Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

23-0027-PHT

Street Names

Members resolved unanimously to **RECOMMEND** to Full Council that officers work with Somerset Council on the pilot that will suggest street names to be put forward to both Ilminster Town Council and Somerset Council ahead of building taking place.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

23-0028-PHT

Planning Applications

Somerset Planning webpage:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

- a. **23/00909/COL - First Floor Flat 6A East Street** - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Proposed change of use of first floor flat from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order, to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation).

Certificate of Lawful Use or Development Application

This is a notification only and in line with the Council's Constitution and the adopted scheme of delegation and terms of reference, the decision for this application is delegated to officers. This notification is therefore being provided as a matter of courtesy for your information.

Members **NOTED** the application.

- b. **23/00910/COL - Second Floor Flat 6A East Street** - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the Proposed change of use of second floor flat from a use falling within Class C3 (dwellinghouses) of the Schedule to the Use Classes Order to a use falling within Class C4 (houses in multiple occupation).

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Members **NOTED** the application.

- c. **23/01179/TCA – Westerholme, 33 Station Road** - Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

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Members **NOTED** the application.

- d. **23/01131/COL – 33 The Cross** - Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed installation of solar panels on a domestic roof.

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Members **NOTED** the application.

- e. **23/01274/TPO - Primrose Lodge, Brewery Lane** - Application to carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 1 Tree as shown within the South Somerset District Council (ILMI 1) 1998 Tree Preservation Order.

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Members **NOTED** the application.

- f. **23/01153/FUL - Ilminster Cricket Club, The Recreation Ground** - Alterations and extensions to existing cricket pavilion.

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

Members noted that all the public comments on the website were positive and there was disabled access.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

- g. **23/01191/HOU – Nettlecombe, Townsend** - Demolition of existing detached garage and single storey structure and erection of two storey side extension incorporating garage, additional living space and ancillary accommodation above.

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

The applicants are improving the quality of living.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

Cllr Tinson declared an interest the agenda item below as he owns a property in the area.

- h. **23/00865/HOU – 16 North Street** - Refurbishment of dwelling in keeping with its Grade II status, and to re-establish the building to its former character.

Members **RECOMMENDED** 5 votes for and 1 abstention (Cllr Tinson) to SUPPORT the application.

Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Shearman

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- i. **23/00866/LBC – 16 North Street** - Refurbishment of dwelling in keeping with its Grade II status, and to re-establish the building to its former character. Listed Building Consent.
Members **RECOMMENDED** 5 votes for and 1 abstention (Cllr Tinson) to SUPPORT the application.
Proposer Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Shearman
- j. **23/01290/LBC - 2 Church Walk** - Form loft hatch in bedroom 2 & board ceiling to facilitate maintenance access to staircase lightwell.
Members **RECOMMENDED** by 5 votes for and 1 abstention (Cllr Hamilton) to SUPPORT to the application.
Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Sellers

23-0029-PHT

Planning Appeals

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

23-0030-PHT

Planning Decisions made by Somerset Council

Members noted the information that decisions were made by Somerset Council and are reported for information.

Meeting ended at 20.19