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Town Clerk: Joy Norris

Mr R Drayton Dingford Love Lane Ilminster TA19 0AR





4 April 2013

Dear Mr Drayton,

# Freedom of Information Request

Further to my letter dated 25 March 2013, I have been given some additional papers held by an individual Councillor which refer to the Local Plan and copies of these are enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Joy Norris Town Clerk

From: Sent:

Town Clerk [town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

To:

08 April 2013 11:22

Andrew Lawson (andrewglawson@gmail.com); Andrew Shearman; 'Burton Philip'; Carol Goodall (mary@hawkinslott.co.uk); david miller (djmillim@btinternet.com); Emma Jane Taylor; Joanna

Sothern (josothern@yahoo.co.uk); John Pallister; Linda Vijeh; PAUL WHAITES; Roger Swann

(rogerswann@hotmail.com); STEVE AUSTIN; 'Stuart Shepherd'

Subject:

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## To: all Councillors

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I would be very grateful if you could let me have copies fo any documents thet meet the request criteria

Thank you

Joy

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Ilminster Town Council, Council Offices, North Street, Ilminster, Somerset TA19 0DG

From: Sent:

mary@hawkinslott.co.uk 08 April 2013 12:12

To:

'Town Clerk'

Subject:

RE: Freedom Of Information Request



Dear Joy

Are we allowed to know who the request has come from?

Carol

From: Town Clerk [mailto:town.clerk@llminster.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 April 2013 11:22

To: Andrew Lawson; Andrew Shearman; 'Burton Philip'; Carol Goodali; david miller; Emma Jane Taylor; Joanna Sothern;

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From:

Town Clerk [town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

Sent:

01 May 2013 12:35 'Town Council'

Subject:

RE: FOI



## Good afternoon.

I have left a message on your answerphone but thought I would email as well in case you have not received it.

I am dealing with your FOI request and have some documents for you. Unfortunately we only have 1 machine in the office which is both printer and copier and that is currently broken so I am unable to get copies of the documents for you. I am out of the office for the next 2 days but hope I shall be able to complete the FOI response on my return next week.

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From: Town Council [mailto:town.council@ilminster.gov.uk]

Sent: 08 April 2013 09:45
To: town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk

Subject: FW: FOI

From: robertdrayton@sky.com [mailto:robertdrayton@sky.com]

Sent: 07 April 2013 14:45 To: Ilminster Council Subject: FOI

Hi Joy,

Sorry to bother you again.

The letter you sent me on 25th March arrived on Saturday - apparently the reason for the delay was there was insufficient postage on it and I had to collect from the Post Office.

I have just one more FOI request before the hearing into the Local Plan and that should be it.

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Many thanks for your help.

Kind regards
Rob Drayton
Dingford, Love Lane, Ilminster TA190AR

From: Sent:

Linda Vijeh [lindavijeh@hotmail.com]

07 May 2013 07:54

To: Cc:

Robert Drayton

Subject:

Town Clerk; Jo Manley SSDC; Carol Goodall FW: Congratulations - and help required!

Importance:

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In the meantime, should you receive the response you require, then please do get in touch.

# Linda.

Date: Sun, 5 May 2013 14:27:14 -0700

From: robertdrayton@sky.com

Subject: Congratulations - and help required!

To: lindavijeh@hotmail.com

Dear Linda,

I would like to congratulate you on your election as County Councillor for the Ilminster Division after what turned out to be a closely fought battle. I wish you success in your new role and am sure you will continue your good work you already carry out on the district and town authorities.

It is early days in your tenure as SCC but I was wondering if you could help me with a couple of matters which are now becoming pressing because of the imminent public hearing into the South Somerset Local Plan when Ilminster will be discussed on May 16th.

I represent Save Shudrick Valley Group and need to obtain information before the hearing which I have requested from both SSDC and Ilminster Town Council.

The previous occasion I requested help under FOI from SSDC they took the required 20 working days to answer me and, by coincidence, their reply reached me at 5.20pm on the day before my submission had to be made to the hearing inspector. That meant I could not use any information obtained or I would have broken the deadline. The councils are aware of the deadlines I have to meet, as they relate equally to them.

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Rob Drayton, Dingford, Love Lane, Ilminster, TA190AR Tel: 01460-57351

From:

mary@hawkinslott.co.uk

Sent:

07 May 2013 08:23

To:

'Linda Vijeh' 'Town Clerk'

Cc: Subject:

RE: Congratulations - and help required!



#### Dear Linda

I assume Mr Drayton is aware of your role as a Town Councillor and that you must have been involved in the request for information that was directed at the Town.

Do you think he also knows that the alternative site would involve the sale of County Farm land? Would this be a conflict of interest for you?

Carol

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Sent: 07 May 2013 07:54 To: Robert Drayton

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Importance: High

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robertdrayton@sky.com

Sent: To: 08 May 2013 20:41

Subject:

Town Clerk
Vision documents



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From: Sent: Town Clerk [town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

Sent: To: Subject: 09 May 2013 09:21 'robertdrayton@sky.com' RE: Vision documents

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Sent: 09 May 2013 09:11

To:

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Subject:

FW: Vision

From: robertdrayton@sky.com [mailto:robertdrayton@sky.com]

Sent: 08 May 2013 20:51 To: Ilminster Council Subject: Vision

Joy - sorry, in that letter just sent I should have said Thursday May 6th 2011...... Here is the letter again

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Sent: To: 09 May 2013 11:05

Subject:

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Thanks Joy. Will get down either today but probably tomorrow. Thanks for your help.

Rob D

Sent from my iPad

On 9 May 2013, at 09:20 AM, "Town Clerk" < town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk > wrote:

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Subject: Freedom of Information request

Dear Mr Drayton,

You requested information from the District Council under the Freedom of Information Act on 11<sup>th</sup> April 2013. as you will be aware the timescale for FOI requests is 20 working days – 20 working days from 11<sup>th</sup> April is 10<sup>th</sup> May 2013 and I am responding before that deadline.

You have asked again why the meetings held on the 1<sup>st</sup> March 2011 and 28<sup>th</sup> June 2011 in relation to the Local plan proposals for Ilminster were called. I re—iterate the earlier response that they were called at the request of a local District Councillor and the Town Councillor, the second meeting being a follow up from the last. You have previously been informed of the reasons for holding the meeting and indeed you have outlined them yourself i.e.—the Ilminster strategic vision and neighbourhood planning opportunities for Ilminster.

You should be aware that no planning application has been submitted for the Shudrick Valley. The meeting held with Council officers and C G Fry was at their behest because they wanted to meet with the District Council to discuss the emerging Local Plan and the Direction of Growth. I will again restate for your benefit that I nor any of my colleagues (including Jo Manley the officer dealing with Ilminster) did not and do not know who was out surveying in the Shudrick Valley (the event to which you allude).

I have explained the purpose of the concept plan submitted with the Council's hearing statement for Issue 9 (Ilminster) to the Inspector in response to his further questions (this has been available on the Council's web site since mid April. It is not a planning application.

I have discussed the procedure for publicising TPOs with colleagues and the Council do not publicise TPO in the press. Neighbours and the landowner are notified of the intention to place a TPO and then notified once the TPO has been formally made.

I shall ask Jo Manley to send copies of any documents, emails, letters or correspondence regarding the meetings on 1st March 2011 and 28th June 2011 between myself and Clir Goodall, Clir Turner and Sarah Maylor to you this afternoon.

I have been fully informed of and engaged in earlier Freedom of Information correspondence between Jo Manley and yourself and consider that you have received full and informed answers. I consider your current Freedom of information request repeats questions that have already been answered.

Andy Foyne

Spatial Policy Manager
South Somerset District Council

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### ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

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Town Clerk: Joy Norris

Mr R Drayton Dingford Love Lane Ilminster Somerset TA19 0AR



13 May 2013

Dear Mr Drayton,

I am responding to your emailed Freedom Of Information Request dated 8 May 2013and your letter dated 10 May 2013.

Your requests relate to the Town's Vision the Local Plan for the period 1 January 2011 to 31 August 2011 (as specified in your 8 April email) and an eastern relief road in the Shudrick Valley with a reference to the possibility of there being documents from 2010.

I have searched the Town Council's filing systems, both electronic and paper, for relevant documents. As the minutes of the Town Council meetings and the Council's Committee meetings are public documents I did not include these in my search of the paper filing system (you may attend the Council Offices during opening hours to look at the minutes); there are however some minutes included in the enclosed documents as they were revealed in the electronic search.

The following documents are enclosed (listed in date order):

- Notes on Land Use sub-Committee meeting held at the Shrubbery Hotel on 28 November 2005
- Open spaces and the Environment
- Traffic Issues
- Notes of an informal meeting to discuss a strategic vision for ilminster 3 October 2006
- Traffic / Transport 25,10,06
- Untitled document which starts "A Historic market town...
- Letter to an individual dated 17 July 2007
- Planning Committee minutes 8 December 2009
- Planning Committee minutes 9 November 2010
- Letter to South Somerset District Council 2 December 2010 re Local Development Framework – Draft Core Strategy

- Ilminster Town Council Response to Draft Core Strategy
- Minutes of Town Council 16 October 2012

Please note that I have annotated some of the documents with a created and modified date this was to aid identification but I am doubtful as to their accuracy (as the modified dates In some instances are before the created dates! I understand that a computer upgrade may be the reason for the discrepancy).

The Town Council holds a copy of a report commissioned by Lord Cameron of Dillington regarding possible routes for a relief / link road. This document is not being released under the Freedom of Information Act as it was supplied to the Town Council in confidence; therefore the section 41 absolute exemption confidentiality applies.

The following are provided in response to the specific points and questions that you have made in your requests

- 1. Reference to a meeting between District Councillors and a District Officer (lines 2/3 of your 8 May email). If this was a District Council meeting the Town Council would not have any notes of it. I note that in my letter of 7 May 2013 I enclosed the copy of an email dated 16 June from the Town Clerk to Town Councillors forwarding them "a presentation from SSDC about the LDF" As explained this was supplied by a Councillor and no information is held in the Town Council office.
- You refer to reporting back to Town Council meetings (2<sup>nd</sup> para of your email dated 8 May). The minutes of Council and Committee meetings would record the reporting of any meetings that Councillors had been asked to attend by the Council there would not necessarily be any reporting of informal or private meetings.
- 3. I have not found any records of a Town Council employee attending any meeting about the Town Vision other than the documents provided to you –It would not be normal practice to keep a record of informal working meetings between the Town Clerk and Town Councillors.
- 4. You refer to minutes of a meeting held on "June 13 to discuss The Strategic Vision" I have not been able to find a record of any such meeting. Council and Committee meetings usually take place on a Tuesday and the Planning Committee met on 14 June 2011 at 7.00pm followed by the Open Spaces Committee at 7.55pm the minutes of those meetings are available to the public but neither refers to the Strategic Vision.
- 5. Councillor Cameron declared a personal and prejudicial interest at the Planning Committee held on 8 December 2009 in an agenda item on the Local Development Framework this is recorded in the minutes a copy of which is enclosed.

Yours sincerely

Joy Norris Town Clerk



Venue: Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil BA20 2HT.

WEEK 2

## Thursday 16 May - 10.00

Issue 9:

**Ilminster** 

Round Table Session: Participants listed on main programme

#### Agenda

- 1. Introduction by the Inspector
- 2. Public Consultation undertaken
- 3. The role of liminster and the relationship between the Council's approach and local needs, particularly in terms of housing, employment, retail and infrastructure provision
- 4. The sustainability appraisal
- 5. Policy PMT3 direction of growth to the south east
  - Landscape
  - Biodiversity
  - Agricultural land value
  - Flood risk
  - Archaeology
  - Highways
  - Overall sustainability
- 6. Potential alternative sites including previously developed land
- 7. Any other matters

## Thursday 16 May - 14.00

Issue 10:

Wincanton

Round Table Session: Participants listed on main programme

#### Agenda

- 1. Introduction by the inspector
- 2. The role of Wincanton and the relationship between the Council's approach and sustainable local needs, particularly in terms of housing, employment, retail and infrastructure provision
- 3. The direction of strategic employment growth
- 4. Any other matters

Issue 11:

**Ansford / Castle Cary** 

Round Table Session: Participants listed on main programme

Agenda

1. Introduction by the Inspector

- 2. The role of Ansford / Castle Cary and the relationship between the Council's approach and local needs, particularly in terms of housing, employment, retail and infrastructure provision
- 3. Policy LMT1 direction of growth:
  - Landscape
  - Biodiversity
  - Agricultural land value
  - Flood risk
  - Highways
  - Education
  - Overall sustainability
- 4. Any other matters

# SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL: LOCAL PLAN 2006-2028

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

# HEARING SESSIONS - DRAFT PROGRAMME

Commence 7th MAY 2013 at 11.00am. These public meetings will be held in the COUNCIL CHAMBER, COUNCIL OFFICES, BRYMPTON WAY, YEOVIL BA20 2HT

PLEASE NOTE that where multiple Issues are listed against a single session it will not be possible to provide an exact time for their commencement. It is intended that these sessions would follow on from the previous one and due to the nature of a debate it will be difficult to provide participants with a definitive indication of when such sessions would commence. You are of course welcome to keep in touch with the Programme Officer who will do her best to keep you updated on progress.

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ISSUE 9**liminster** 

Council Statement SSDC 009

10.00am

Public Consultation Undertaken

Questions -

- 9.1 Is the vision and the proposal for growth and change in this area appropriate and justified, including in relation to national guidance and local needs, and in terms of economic, social and environmental impact? Is it founded on an appropriate sustainability appraisal and has appropriate consideration been given to issues of agricultural land value, topography/ /landscape, flood risk, biodiversity, highway impact, and archaeology?
- 9.2 Has an assessment been made of the potential for previously developed land to make a more significant contribution to meeting housing need in the town?

#### **Further Statements:**

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Drayton Mr R MBE 009

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**Environment Agency 009** 

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SSDC Team:

Andy Foyne: Spatial Policy Manager\*

Jo Manley: Spatial Policy Team 🗸

Support:- Rob Archer

Appearing:

Somerset County Council Mark Clements; Highways & Transport

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Somerset County Council & Donne

Holdings

Ms Sarah Hamilton-Foyn: Pegasus

Save Shudrick Valley Group Michael Williams: Clive Miller &

Associates

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Ms Alison Geering

Mr Philip Geering

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Mr Martin Rawstorne / nashik

Mr Mark Woodcock & Architect

Abbey Manor Group

Owen Jones: Boyer Planning ~

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Consultants

# SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL: LOCAL PLAN 2006-2028

## INDEPENDENT EXAMINATION

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	Save Shudrick Valley Group 009					
1.00pm	LUNCH					
THURSDAY	ISSUE 10: Council Statement SSDC 010	SSDC Team:				
TO IND.	Wincanton	Andy Foyne: Spatial Policy Manager				
2.00pm	Questions -	Andy Moger: Spatial Policy Team				
	10.1 Is the policy for employment growth and	Appearing:				
	change in this area appropriate and justified, including in relation to national guidance and	Mr Tim Adams				
	local needs, and in terms of economic, social and environmental impact?	Ctir Nicholas Colbert				
	10.2 Is the residual housing requirement of only 5	Abbey Manor Group				
	dwellings sufficient to meet the needs of the	Owen Jones: Boyer Planning Hopkins Developments Ltd				
	town up to 2028? Should more weight have been given to the provision of additional	Metthew Kendrick: Grassroots Planning				
	housing in order to sustain the community over					
	the longer-term? How will the town's affordable					
	housing needs be met?					
	Further Statements:					
	Abbey Manor Group 010					
	Colbert Clir N010					
(Follows	ISSUE 11: Council Statement SSDC 011	SSDC Team:				
Wincanton)	Ansford/Castle Cary	Andy Foyne: Spatial Policy Manager				
ı	Questions -	Jo Wilkins: Spatial Policy Team				
	11.1 Is the policy for growth and change in this area appropriate and justified, including in relation to	Support:- Rob Archer				
	national guidance and local needs, and in terms	Appearing:				
ĺ	of economic, social and environmental impact?  Have all reasonable alternative sites been	Mrs Ailsa Briston				
ļ	assessed and has appropriate consideration	Mr David Holt				
	been given to issues of agricultural land value, topography/landscape, biodiversity and	Mr Barry Lane				
	highway impact?	Mr R Tizzard				
	11.2 Is there sufficient evidence to justify the	Nigel Jones: Chesterton Humberts				
	provision of the new road and additional school	Donne Holdings & Somerset County Council				
	capacity? How would any land required for a new primary school be identified?	James McMurdo: Bell Cornwell				
	Further Statements:					
1	Donne Holdings & Somerset CC (Combined document					

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From:

Linda Vijeh [lindavijeh@hotmail.com]

Sent:

18 May 2013 16:50

ro: Cc: Town Clerk

Cc: Subject: Frances Nicholson RE: Ilminster Schools



At present I have limited information.

However, if indeed the Canal Way option is deemed to be the preferred location for future development, this will be dependent on the sale of County Land.

I know that monies for a new school will form part of any development plan but as yet have no further information re: what form that would take.

Have copied in Frances Nicholson, the portfolio holder, who may have more information - she is at present taking leave of absence so a response may need to wait a while, but I will continue to pursue.

Carol may have further information re: the original proposals along Canal Way as she, I believe was involved in the oroginal discussions, along with Kim Turner.

# Linda.

From: town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk

To: <u>lindavijeh@hotmail.com</u> CC: <u>emmajane@dot-the-eye.com</u>

Subject: Ilminster Schools

Date: Fri, 17 May 2013 13:34:05 +0100

Hi Linda.

I am emailing you with your County Councillor hat please.

I attended the Local Plan Hearing yesterday (Thursday) and a spokesperson on behalf of the County Council said that a feasibility study and been done and an initial drawing made for a new school in Ilminster along Canal Way – there was also a reference to the school only being provided if SCC could sell land e.g. for housing at Canal Way to provide the funding.

A member of the public then went on to suggest that this would mean the first and middle schools being amalgamated and would have knock on effects for Crewkerne and Chard Secondary schools - and this was important in the context of the best location for new housing in Ilminster.

Please can you find out what the situation is and what is in the public domain — The type of things it would be useful to know are at what stage, if any, will the Town Council be consulted, can we have a copy of the feasibility study, are there any scheduled dates for building a school, is it true it will only be built if the Canal way land is sold for housing?

Thank you

Joy

Joy Norris Town Clerk Ilminster Town Council Tel: 01460 52149



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From:

Linda Vijeh [lindavijeh@hotmail.com]

Sent: To:

18 May 2013 16:56 Town Clerk

Subject:

FW: South Somerset Local Plan - Ilminister



# The following may be of use:-

All post-submission documents for the forthcoming Inquiry are available via the following link:

<a href="http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-2006-2028/local-plan-examination/post-submission-documents/">http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-2006-2028/local-plan-examination/post-submission-documents/</a>.

Look at Issue 9. The following links will take you directly to submission by the Pegasus Planning Group on behalf of Somerset County Council and Persimmon Homes.

http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/media/474489/persimmon somerset 009.pdf

http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planning-and-building-control/planning-policy/local-plan-2006-2028/local-planexamination/post-submission-documents/issue-9/

This is a land ownership issue.

Linda.

From:

Town Clerk [town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

Sent:

20 May 2013 13:35

To:

Andy Foyne (Andy.Foyne@southsomerset.gov.uk); 'Jo Manley'

Subject:

liminster - Local Plan

Attachments:

planning minutes 08.12.09.pdf; planning minutes 09.11.10 signed.pdf

Hi Andy & Jo.

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Please let me know if there is any further information that it would be useful for the Town Council to

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From:

Andy Foyne [Andy.Foyne@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk]

Sent:

20 May 2013 13:40

To:

'Town Clerk'

Subject:

RE: Ilminster - Local Plan

Many thanks for this clarification

**Spatial Policy Manager** 

South Somerset District Council

From: Town Clerk [mailto:town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

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From:

Jo Manley [Jo.Manley@SouthSomerset.Gov.Uk]

Sent:

20 May 2013 13:44

To:

'Town Clerk'

Subject:

RE: Ilminster - Local Plan

Many thanks Joy.

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From:

Emma Jane [emmajane@dot-the-eye.com]

Sent:

22 May 2013 09:03

To: Subject: Town Clerk Local Plan letter

### **Good Morning Joy**

I think it is an excellent letter - thank you for sharing it with me.

#### **EmmaJane**

Emma Jane Taylor Dot-The-Eye Ltd

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From: Town Clerk [mailto:town.clerk@ilminster.gov.uk]

Sent: 22 May 2013 08:28

To: Emma Jane

Subject: Local Plan letter

Good morning,

Please find attached the draft of the letter I am intending to send to send today. As the Local Plan is such a contentious topic in Ilminster at present I thought you would like to see it.

Name Redacted or Personal Information

Joy

Joy Norris Town Clerk Ilminster Town Council Tel: 01460 52149



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22 May 2013 09:56 Andy Foyne (Andy.Foyne@southsomerset.gov.uk) ocal Plan

Good morning Andy,

Please find attached a copy of the letter that I will be sending today to liminster section of the hearings last week

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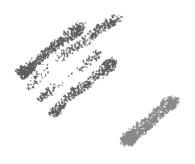
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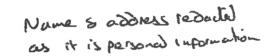
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22 May 2013



I am writing following your suggestion made in public at the Local Plan Public Hearing (on Thursday 16 May 2013) that the letter sent by the Town Clerk in December 2010 was of doubtful legality as the United Young was not employed as the Town Clerk at the time the letter was sent.

I attach a find of the signed minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 9 November 2010 which clearly records an instruction by the Committee to the Town Clerk to respond to the South Somerset District Council Consultation regarding the South Somerset Local Development Draft Core Strategy. The response was duly sent on 2 December 2010.

The Town Clerk, Mr Stephen Fisher relinquished his post on 31 December 2010 and he then provided chargeable professional support to the Town Council between 1 January 2011 and 22 March 2011. The Town Clerk may delegate to a Town Council employee the carrying out of a task or instruction from the Council or one of its Committees, or in the Town Clerk's absence another Town Council employee will undertake the task.

Your allegation that the December 2010 letter was of doubtful legality is therefore completely unfounded and I ask you to contact South Somerset District Council Policy Planners in writing or by email stating that you withdraw the allegation.

At the Local Plan Hearing you gave the impression that you believe the Town Council meets and makes decisions in secret. Meetings of the Town Council and its Committee's are open to the public, agendas for meetings are always placed on the notice board in The Market Square at least 3 working days before the meeting and are also published on our website <a href="https://www.ilminster.gov.uk">www.ilminster.gov.uk</a>; it is also our usual practice to email a copy of the agenda to local newspapers. I am enclosing a copy of the meeting timetable for the forthcoming municipal year which I hope will be of use to you.





Approved Minutes of the more recent meetings are published on the website but all minutes (of formal meetings) are open to the public to read at the Town Council Offices (North Street, Ilminster); this can be done during our usual opening hours of 10:00hrs-12:00rs on weekdays, or it may be possible to do it by appointment at other times.

A quick look at the Minutes shows the Local Development Framework being discussed or referred to on a number of occasions in meetings that were open to the press and public to attend.

I hope that you will come into the office and look at our minutes and agendas and come to some meetings so that you can see the Town Council does operate in an open and transparent manner.

Yours sincerely

Joy Norris Town Clerk



CC: Mr A Foyne, Spatial Policy Manager, South Somerset District Council



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Subject: Clerk's Update 11/13

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vaughan Lee letter 10.05.13.pdf; Financial Monitoring 21.05.13.xlsx

## Good afternoon,

- 1. Annual Council meeting at the annual council meeting the following were elected:
  - Mayor Clir Emma Jane Taylor
  - Deputy Mayor Cllr Linda Vijeh
  - Chair Finance & Policy Committee Clir David Miller
  - Chair Open Spaces Committee Clir Carol Goodall
  - Chair Staffing Committee this will be an ex officio position for the Mayor
  - Chair Of Discipline, Grievance and Capability Committee this will be an ex office position for the Deputy Mayor

The Committee Vice-Chairs will be voted for at the next relevant Committee meeting. The meeting timetable for the next year was agreed and copies were either collected By Councillors at the Open Spaces Committee or will be posted today. Dates will also be put on our noticeboard and our website by the end of this week.

# 2. Open Spaces Committee 21 May

- Topographical studies of the Rec, Britten's Field, Herne Hill 3 prices have been received for the topographical studies and a recommendation will be made to Council that the Clerk is given delegated authority to accept the best value quotation following consultation with the Open Spaces Chair and the SSDC Officer who has previous experience of such surveys - and subject to satisfactory references being received.
- The request from the Football club to move the cricket pitch was considered premature and will be reconsidered when the results of the topographical survey have been received and the Council has made more progress on its plans for the future layout of
- Cemetery Wall (North West section) there will be a recommendation to Council that the Town Council should meet the full cost of taking down and replacing the north west section of the cemetery wall. The Clerk will also be seeking legal advice as to whether or not the clause in the 1913 conveyance regarding the fence must be adhered to
- Metal Balance Beam in the REC there will be a recommendation to Council that the existing metal balance beam is removed and replaced by a wooden structure designed and created by the Wardens.
- 3. Letter from Vaughan Lee House The letter from Vaughan Lee is attached
- 4. Financial Monitoring Report Due to the end of the financial year and start of the next it was not possible to prepare a financial monitoring report for either Council or the Open Spaces Committee - we have now prepared a full listing which is attached. Please contact Marilyn if you have any questions. For the remainder of the year Open Spaces Committee will get the information for Open Spaces, Cernetery, and Market House and Finance and Policy Committee will get the information which is under the Finance & Policy heading.
- 5. Police and Crime Plan a copy of the Somerset East Police & Crime Plan 2013 2017 has arrived in the office - it is available on line at www.avonandsomerset-pcc.gov.uk or if you would like a paper copy please let this office know and we will obtain one for you.
- 6. Winterhay Lane at its meeting on 6 June the Somerset County Council Regulation Committee will consider the footpath issue at Winterhay Lane. As previously agreed Cllr Swann will attend the meeting and present the Town Council's view.

7. Local Plan Hearing. I attended the Local Plan hearing at SSDC on 16 May 2013. The way that the hearing is structured only the SSDC representative and people who believe the proposed Local Plan is unsound are able to take part in the discussions (and that is by prior arrangement) - this is because everyone else is believed to support the plan and agrees that it is legal and sound. Unfortunately this arrangement can result in an overwhelming impression of everyone being against the proposals - and I'm sure that is what many of those attending will believe. There were approx 50 people "observing" and from their reactions at certain points in the meeting I think it most likely that they would prefer development on Canal Way rather than Shudrick Lane.

The Town Council came in for a lot of criticism - there were allegations that it had not followed correct procedures and that it should have been represented at the discussions (which just proves the hearing procedure was not understood). Since the hearing I have contacted SSDC I have contacted SSDC and confirmed the legality of our dealings with this matter and I have also written to the speaker who made an allegation about of the legality of this Council's actions providing evidence that his allegation is unfounded and requesting that he withdraws it in writing.

A matter of particular interest to the Town Council will be a statement from the County Council's representative at the hearing which I interpreted as being that unless the County Council is able to sell land for housing adjacent to Canal Way it will not be able to fund a new school for Ilminster. The Planning Inspector has asked for clarification of the County Council position and I have asked our County Councillor to see what information is available to be shared with the Town Council.

- 8. Community Resilience Shelter Following support for this at our recent Council meeting I now have a template for a flood plan and will be arranging for a meeting of potential partners to discuss a draft plan. If there is sufficient space in the Resident's Newsletter there will be a short item about the project and asking people to let us know what skills they have that may be useful in an emergency
- 9. Open Spaces Review following the long discussion at the Open Spaces committee (which strictly speaking was not part of the agenda) I thought it would be useful to clarify the position regarding consultation on the open spaces review.
  - By the end of this week SSDC Officers will have facilitated sessions with the football clubs, the cricket clubs, Town Councillors and Town Council employees. They will then bring together some options that can be used for general consultation and for the Town Council to consider
  - I am drafting a consultation proposal for consulting with the general public and I suggest that it will be considered by the Open Spaces Review Group. At present I am hoping to include in the proposal a day long consultation on the REC so that we can speak to as many people who use the REC as possible
  - I hope that the consultations can be carried out in June and fedback together with the topographical survey to the Open Spaces Committee at their July meeting because of the timescales this is likely to be either a late report or an oral report.

## 10. Resident's Newsletter

A first draft of the Resident's newsletter is almost complete and is being checked. I hope to complete it next week so that it will be ready for distribution by the end of the first week in June

- 11. Football Stand Dismantling The contractor has confirmed that he will be starting to dismantle the football stand on 10 June
- 12. North West Cemetery Wall Dismantling The contractor has confirmed that he will be starting to dismantle the wall on 1 July

If there is anything that you would like further information about (whether or not it is included in this update) please get in touch with me

Joy

Joy Norris

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