

ILMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning, Highways & Transport Committee held in Swanmead Community School, Ditton Street, Ilminster on Wednesday 8th January 2014 at 19:30hrs

Present

Chairman: Cllr A Shearman,

Councillors

In Attendance: Cllr S Austin, Cllr P Burton, Cllr C Goodall, Cllr V Higgins, Cllr V Keitch, Cllr A Lawson, Cllr D Miller, Cllr J Pallister, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr S Storey, Cllr R Swann, Cllr E J Taylor and Cllr L Vijeh

Officers: Miss N McIntosh (Administrative Assistant), Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)
Mrs M Shelley (Deputy Clerk)

Members of the Public: One member of the public attended the meeting.

55. Apologies for absence

Apologies of absence were received from Cllr's Sothern.

56. Declarations of Interest

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Interest	Nature of Interest
Cllr Goodall	Planning Application	57	Personal	District Councillor
Cllr Taylor	Planning Application	57	Personal	Lives close to the proposed development site; this would not have any affect on the Councillor's financial circumstances or assets
Cllr L Vijeh	Planning Application	57	Personal	County Councillor and District Councillor

57. Planning Applications

a) Land At Canal Way, Ilminster, TA19 9BL , 13/04691/FUL and 13/04692/ADV

The siting of a marketing suite and associated works (retrospective application) (GR334845/114681) and (Retrospective Application) (GR 334845/114681)

The display of 1 No. non illuminated free standing sign, 3 No. non illuminated fascia board signs and 2 No. flag poles.

This agenda item was taken in two parts, firstly the siting of the marketing suite and the associated works and then the display of 1 No. non illuminated free standing sign, 3 No. non illuminated fascia board signs and 2 No. flag poles

Chair's Initials

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Siting of the marketing suite and the associated works

Recommend refusal on the grounds of:

- (i) Not disabled friendly. The building is not wheelchair accessible nor easily accessible for anyone with mobility difficulties as it has steps and the door is not sufficiently wide for a wheel chair or mobility scooter
- (ii) Lack of amenities for visitors to the marketing site e.g. toilet
- (iii) Noise pollution – the generator supplying power to the marketing suite is large and noisy
- (iv) Crime & Disorder Implications – the marketing suite is isolated and could be attractive for criminal or anti social purposes

Display of 1 No. non illuminated free standing sign, 3 No. non illuminated fascia board signs and 2 No. flag poles

Recommend refusal on the grounds of:

- (i) The wording on the signs is misleading as Planning has not yet been given for any development on the site.

RESOLVED that a strongly worded letter be sent to South Somerset District regarding

- (i) The flagrant disregard of planning regulations and the almost routine use of retrospective applications by large housing developers
- (ii) The perception of differing treatment regarding applications and enforcement for individuals and large organisations
- (iii) The time limits for making a response regarding these specific applications

b) Land at Canal Way, Ilminster, TA19 9BL, 13/04760/FUL

Land At Canal Way Ilminster, TA19 9BL (revised application) (GR334845/114681)

The erection of 65 no Dwellings and associated works to include play provision

This item was deferred until the next scheduled Planning, Highways & Transport Committee meeting on Tuesday 4th February 2014, due to additional information being received immediately prior to the meeting.

The meeting closed at 22:10 hrs.

Chair's Signature & Date