

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **1 October 2019** in the Council Chamber, Council offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG commencing at 19:30hrs

Present:

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee Members: P Burton, V Higgins, M James, I Mackillop, L Taylor and L Wilcock

In Attendance

Councillors: V Keitch & S Shepherd, District Councillor B Hamilton

Officers: Miss J Norris (Town Clerk)

No members of the public attended the meeting.

P287 Apologies for absence

There were no apologies for absence as all Committee members were present.

P288 Declarations of Interest

No declarations of interest were made in respect of any items on the Agenda.

P289 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2019 were considered

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 3 September 2019 be confirmed as a correct record.

P290 Office Action Plan

The Office Action Plan relating to the Committee was considered.

Issues raised or discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- Identifying the location of existing grit bins
- A303 noise - Cllr Keitch, in her capacity as Leader of the District Council, has spoken to Highways England who have responded that said the remedial work was intended to slow the traffic, she has also raised with the local MP and will do so again.

RESOLVED

- (i) to note the Office Action Plan relating to the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee
- (ii) to remove item 10 coach parking from the action list

P291 Police Report

This agenda item provides an opportunity for the Police to report on any matters relevant to policing in Ilminster. There was no written police report nor were any items raised.

P292 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications and agreed their comments and recommendations to be forwarded to South Somerset District Council:

a) Land adjacent 1 Greenway, Dowlish Ford TA19 0PJ application No 19/01777/OUT

Outline application for the erection of a detached dwelling including access

Amended plans / additional information.

The amendment is "red site line altered to not include neighbours land"

The Committee had discussed this application at their meeting on 6 August 2019 and recommended refusal.

Issues raised or discussed during consideration of this application included:

- The Town Council's other concerns raised when the initial application was considered have not been addressed

RESOLVED to recommend refusal

b) 28 Silver Street Ilminster TA19 0DR Application No 19/02366/FUL

Alterations and the sub division of an existing dwelling house into two apartments

Issues raised or discussed during consideration of this application included:

- Will not change the frontage
- Parking is not a planning reason,
- The property is in the town centre and has easy pedestrian access to shops and facilities
- Fire exit from the building and neighbouring properties

RESOLVED to recommend approval

c) 37 New Road, Ilminster TA19 9AF, Application No 19/02317/HOU

Erection of a single storey rear extension

Issues raised or discussed during consideration of this application included:

- The back of the house is not visible
- Proposal is subservient to the main property
- In keeping with similar extensions

RESOLVED to recommend approval

d) Ilminster Delivery Office 16-18 East Street, Ilminster TA19 0AJ Application 19/02461/P3JPA

Prior approval for the change of use of offices to 4 residential flats

Issues raised or discussed during consideration of this application included:

- Uncertainty as to the status of this application and the term "prior approval" (which Cllr Keitch will check and report to the Town Clerk)
- The proposed units are very small
- Overlooking of nearby property
- Overdevelopment of the site

RESOLVED to pass the general comments onto the Planning Department

P293 Planning Decisions made by SSDC

Decisions made by South Somerset District Council during the period 28.08.19 - 25.09.19 were reported for information.

P294 Budget 2019/20

Consideration was given to income and expenditure ideas in preparation for the budget workshop.

Suggested items were:

- Bus Shelter(s) - (near the Stonemasons)
- Grit bins – maintenance and filling

The meeting closed at 20:00hrs