

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **1<sup>st</sup> September 2020** via Skype commencing at 19:30hrs

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr A Shearman

**Committee Members** I Mackillop, L Taylor, L Wilcock and M James

**In Attendance**

**Councillors:**

P Burton, S Shepherd and B Hamilton

**Officers:** Julie Earp (Deputy Clerk) Hayley White (Town Clerk)

**P343 Apologies for absence**

Councillor R Swann

Councillor V Higgins

**P344 Declarations of Interest**

Name	Agenda Item	Minute No	Nature of Interest	Type of Interest	Action
A Shearman	Agenda 7 – Planning Applications - 20/02064/LBC August House, Station Road, Ilminster TA19 9BE	P349	Friend of the applicant	Personal	Did not vote

**P345 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 were considered.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

**P346 Office Action plan**

The current Office Action Plan was considered.

- Item 1 – Cllr Shearman and the Grounds Manager had been around the town to check the grit bins. The grit bin at the top of Summerlands Park drive has disappeared. The bin at Listers Hill is still present and the one at Blackdown View. There could be a requirement for a grit bin on New Road. Maybe the grit bin at Herne Rise could be moved but it was confirmed that this was positioned here following the bus sliding into the house at Herne Rise so that is why it is there. As part of the community resilience they are filled by Somerset County Council from the gritting depot and salt can be picked up for free. Town Clerk to update the Action List.

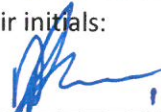
**P347 Police Report**

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

**P348 Silver Street Parking**

To consider the possibility of losing two parking spaces on Silver Street to allow easier access for emergency vehicles in Victoria Court.

Chair initials:

  
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Discussions took place concerning the refuse lorries and that they struggled to turn up into the access road. This is only a problem if the refuse company send their larger refuse wagon. The smaller refuse lorry can turn up there and collect the rubbish. If the two parking spaces opposite the turning were removed the lorries would be able to swing up around and into the road with greater ease.

Residents struggle to exit the road when driving if cars are parked in the parking spaces opposite.

There was a suggestion that a consultation was carried out with the town to gain their views.

A comment was made that access to the flats is available in North Street through the gated archway. This access is used for emergency vehicles and when residents move.

Taking the parking spaces away from Silver Street could have an impact on the town's businesses and residents. There was a proposal that we should take the matter no further. The councillors were not in favour and voted against the proposal.

There was a proposal that we should consult with the residents and businesses of the town. There was a majority in favour of this proposal.

**RESOLVED** to send a letter to the business owners within the Town Centre about losing the two parking spaces. Town Clerk to prepare and send the letter and to provide the collated responses to the planning committee.

#### **P349 Planning Applications**

The Committee considered the following application:

##### **20/02064/LBC August House, Station Road, Ilminster TA19 9BE**

Consideration was given to the natural stone wall and comment was made that no significant archaeological merit had been revealed by the survey. Comment was made that the wall was not visible from Station Road so any change would not be seen. A comment was made that the applicant had gone above and beyond with this application. No objections to the application.

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval.

#### **P350 Planning Appeals**

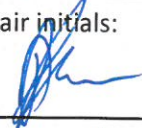
No planning appeals.

#### **P351 Planning Decisions made by SSDC**

Decisions made by South Somerset District Council are reported for information. For more details please see South Somerset District Council website:  
<http://www.southsomerset.gov.uk/planningsearch>

The meeting closed at: 20:04

Chair initials:



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