

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **4 February 2020** in the Council Chamber, Council offices, North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG commencing at 19:30hrs

**Present:**

**Chair:** Cllr A Shearman

**Committee Members** V Higgins, I Mackillop, R Swann, L Taylor and L Wilcock

**In Attendance**

**Councillors:** S Shepherd

District Councillor B Hamilton

**Officers:** Mrs J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk), S Fletcher (Admin Officer)

1 Member of the public attended this meeting

**Speaker 1-**

The speaker raised issues regarding Bins, the potential closure of Chard Minor Injuries Unit, Public Transport issues and a planning enquiry

The speaker stated that he had been approached by a trader in town regarding wheelie bins in Wharf Lane and Ditton Street being left on the path and causing an obstruction. He feels this is unsightly for the town and asked if the Town Council would be able to write to SSDC regarding this matter.

He also commented on an issue whereby a neighbour had installed a 4' by 3' window and had written to the planning department at SSDC regarding this but was yet to receive a response. The chairman suggested that this may be a matter for Building Regulations rather than Planning.

The speaker also commented on the potential closure of Chard Minor Injuries Unit and the impact this would have on people, given the difficulties of using public transport to get from Ilminster to South Petherton. This is outside of the Town Councils jurisdiction. There is a meeting to discuss this.

Finally, the speaker raised the issue of public transport and highlighted the demise of the Nippy bus. In the 27 months prior to it ending the speaker found it was used by 39,800 passengers. He raised the issue of a lack of connecting routes to other towns in Somerset and problems with bus timings.

**P318 Apologies for absence**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor James and Councillor Burton.

**P319 Declarations of Interest**

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

**P320 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020 were considered.

**RESOLVED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th January 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

**P321 Office Action Plan**

The Office Action Plan relating to the Committee was considered.

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

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- The Chair's walk around the town to assess need for Grit bins should be taking place this coming week
- Progress on the bus shelter in Orchard Vale. Concrete has been laid by and the company supplying and installing the bus shelter have been contacted and should be doing this very shortly

**RESOLVED** to note the Office Action Plan relating to the Planning, Highways and Transport Committee

### **P322 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

### **P323 Planning Applications**

#### **(a) 20/00013/FUL-Hazelwell Lodge 67 Station Road Ilminster Somerset**

Refurbishment of existing conservatory including natural slate roof in lieu of polycarbonate roof; replacement of existing UPVC windows and doors with new UPVC to match and new brick spandrel panel above windows to north elevation

Issues discussed during consideration of this application included:

- The building will be no bigger when the changes are made
- It will be more energy efficient
- The Planning Portal is not showing any objections to the proposal
- The changes will modernise the building

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval

### **P324 Proposal for New Road Name**

The proposal for the new road within the development on the land to the East of Broadoak Business Park, Canal Way to be named 'Broadoak View' was discussed

Issues discussed during consideration of this agenda item included:

- The street name is in common parlance
- There is a large oak tree just outside the development
- The name is in keeping with the area
- The changes will modernise the building

**RESOLVED** to recommend approval of the the new road within the development on the land to the East of Broadoak Business Park, Canal Way to be named 'Broadoak View'

The meeting closed at 19.52 hrs

Chairs Signature and Date

3/3/2020