

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ilminster Town Council held on  
**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> August 2021 at 19.30 hrs, in the Council Chamber, Council Office, North  
Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

**Chair:** Cllr P Burton

**Councillors:** Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr B Hamilton,  
Cllr M James, Cllr F White, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr B  
Jenner-Hurford, Cllr N Tinson.

**Officers:** Mr M Tredwin (Locum Town Clerk), Miss V Freeman (Administration Officer)

**In attendance:** 9 members of the public.

Cllr Burton welcomed our 2 new Councillors Cllr Jenner-Hurford and Cllr Tinson

**986 Public Forum**

**Graham Lawrence Chairman of Extreme Carnival Club**

Outlined the challenges his carnival club faced without a Carnival Park and how his club have supported the initiative from the start. Without it the carnival will come to an untimely end.

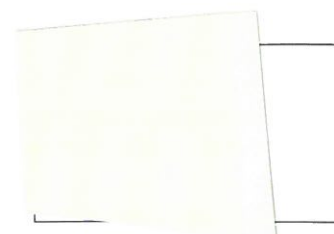
**Sue Osborne**

South Somerset District Councillor who represents Kingstone and Dowlish Wake area expressed disappointment that the item was on the agenda. Neighbouring Parish Council at Seavington are extremely disappointed that it had not been informed that the matter was being discussed. It was suggested that the Neighbourhood Plan could be used to find suitable location within the boundaries of Ilminster. Requested that the item be deferred until written legal advice has been obtained. The meeting should be held in a larger venue so more people could attend. Constituents have objected to the plan from the start.

**David Gordon**

There are 2 separate issues, the impact on our communities of the application if allowed and the defective process followed by the local councils.

The impact, massive visual intrusion, noise and light pollution, massive traffic generation and unsuitable soil structure of sight.



The processes, applying for something outside its own boundaries, 50% reduction in application charges, the due process with the original application, what is Dillington Estates motivation, an application for the Horlicks site.

**Jo Strawbridge**

Gemini Carnival Club. Requested that the application be resubmitted. Would like to reaffirm the carnival is an Ilminster based community event. Gemini Carnival Club have had its building headquarters in a barn in a site opposite the proposed field for Carnival Park since 2008 with no objections or complaints.

**Pauline Hooper**

1 plus 1 carnival club. No carnival would ruin the fabric of the town and the charitable aspects of the carnival. When building floats outside they are open to all the elements as it is an all-year-round process. Clubs are subjected to regular break ins.

**Tom Russell**

Harlequin Carnival Club. 2022 will be the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ilminster Carnival and the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his Carnival Club. This will be the 7<sup>th</sup> time his club have to relocate. The carnival is the biggest event of the year and raises funds for local causes. Young people have learnt new skills building the floats which has enabled them to go onto find employment. He asked that the application be resubmitted.

**Zane Gambling**

Ilminster Carnival Committee and spectators. Tonight, can give us a fresh start. There has been massive support for this project.

**987 Apologies for absence**

Cllr L Taylor – Personal reasons

Cllr H Lancaster – Personal reasons

Cllr L Wilcock – Work commitments

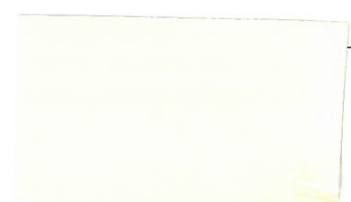
Cllr V Keitch – Personal reasons

Cllr R Swann – Personal reasons

**988 Declarations of Interest**

**Cllr B Hamilton Agenda item 12 South Somerset Carnival Park Report**

As the Vice-Chair of South Somerset District Council's Area West Committee, where this matter is likely to be presented for consideration and due to the possibility that Cllr Hamilton may be asked to Chair that meeting, Cllr Hamilton felt it would not be



appropriate to remain in the chamber and to declare an interest, with that asked permission of the Mayor, to recuse when this item is brought to the Council for consideration and return on completion.

**Cllr S Shepherd Agenda item 12 South Somerset Carnival Park Report**

President of Ilminster Carnival Club Committee

**989 Dispensations**

None provided.

**Members agreed to move Agenda item 12 to earlier in the meeting.**

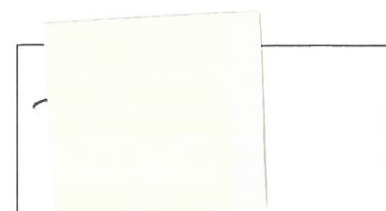
**Cllr Hamilton left the chamber.**

**990 South Somerset Carnival Park**

Steve Dawe gave the members a presentation about the Carnival Park. Some of the points covered included, the area has 400 years of shared carnival history, behind the scenes work is going on 12 months a year, in 1995 the South Somerset federation had 22 clubs, in 2015 there were only 4 clubs. Butler Carnival Park, Glastonbury houses 7 carnival clubs and Glastonbury Carnival Committee. All ages from 8 to 80 and beyond are involved in carnivals. Carnivals are worth 40 million pounds and between the 30 carnival towns 1.3 million pounds each. Costs in 2018 were £247000 from an agriculture location and £450000 for an urban location, plus ongoing costs.

The members know the depth of feeling regarding the application and are keen to resolve the issue to move forward. They discussed the cost of the application, the location of the proposed Carnival Park, how the application fee was going to be paid for.

Members **RESOLVED** to allow Ilminster Town Council to be named as the Applicant for the South Somerset Carnival Park in a resubmitted planning application and to issue a letter supporting the ethos and the reasons behind the need for a park to be built by 7 votes for the proposal and 2 Abstentions



**Named vote**

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| Cllr Jenner-Hurford | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr MacKillop      | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr Gunn           | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr Shepherd       | Abstained                |
| Cllr Shearman       | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr James          | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr Tinson         | Abstained                |
| Cllr White          | Voted for the resolution |
| Cllr Burton         | Voted for the resolution |

**Cllr Hamilton returned to the chamber.**

**991 Minutes – Town Council**

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously the minutes of the meeting held on the **20<sup>th</sup> of July 2021** as a correct record.

**Proposer Cllr Shepherd, Seconded Cllr Sherman**

**992 District and County Councillor Reports**

**County Councillor Vjeh's** report has been circulated to members

**District Councillors Hamilton and Veitch's** report has been circulated to members

The members noted County Councillor Vjeh and District Councillors Hamilton and Veitch's report.

Cllr Hamilton was asked about the reorganisation of the County and District Councils, there is no update at the present.

Members discussed blocked drains and gullies; the issues are to be reported to the County Council as drains are under their jurisdiction.

**993 Police Report**

The July 21 police report has been requested but has not yet been received.





**994 Mayor's Report**

The Mayor has attended the following event,

Scarecrow competition – giving prizes out Greenfield School, Sweet Surprise and in the Market House.

Swanmead award evening prize giving 20/07/21

Chard church service for covid helpers 01/08/21

Greenfield School Skype meeting for a pupil's question and answer session

**995 Deputy Mayor's report**

The Deputy Mayor has attended the following event,

Sponsors Day, Ilminster Cricket Club 31/07/21

**996 Clerk's update Report**

No report provided.

**997 Finance Report**

The Deputy Clerk's report informed members of the financial situation of the council as of 31<sup>st</sup> July 2021. The Financial Budget Comparison has been circulated to members.

Members discussed the report and thought the summery was informative. Item J under Expenditure Open Spaces – Mobile phones to be moved to Expenditure – Resources for future reporting.

**998 Future of Local Government in Somerset**

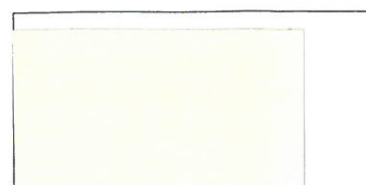
Cllr Hamilton's report has been circulated to members.

The members discussed the report and items including going forward how much responsibility would they like re car parks, street cleaning etc.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to hold a standing agenda item until further notice, to discuss the latest developments arising from negotiations over the

Local Government Reorganisation in Somerset.

**Proposer Cllr Hamilton Seconded Cllr Shearman**



**999 Magistrates Court**

Members discussed the Magistrates Court. Things discussed were what the building can be used for, disability access, a museum in the cells area, tourist information, and that Council is under no obligation to hold meetings in a Council Chambers.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to establish a Council Offices Working Group, members to be Cllr Jenner-Hurford, Cllr White, Cllr Tinson, Cllr James, and Cllr Shearman and to email their thoughts on the principle uses of the building to the officers.

**Proposer Cllr Hamilton Seconded Cllr Shearman**

**1000 Big Green Week Event.**

The members considered a request for Green Ilminster to use the recreation ground of the weekend September 25th/26th 2021. Discussions included where on the recreation they are looking to hold the event. Officers to check when the fair is planning to set up.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegated officers to check when Fair will be arriving.

**Proposed Cllr Sherman, Seconded Cllr James**

The Rotary Club have asked that their request to book the Market House on 24th is removed from the agenda as they no longer wish to proceed.

**1001 Sunflowers for Somerset Grant Application**

The members reviewed the grant application

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to approve the grant request of £112.

**Proposed Cllr James Seconded Cllr White**

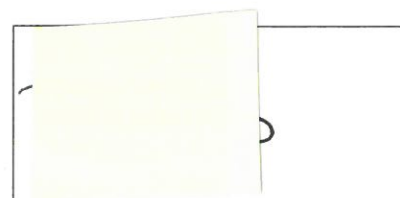
**1002 Exempt Business**

*That in the view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded while members consider this item in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960.*

Members **RESOLVED** to move the meeting into Exempt Business

**PROPOSED Cllr James SECONDED Cllr Hamilton**

**1003 Jurassic Fibre Agreement**



Members discussed proposal from Jurassic Fibre including location and size.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to invite Jurassic Fibre back to resubmit the proposal.

**Proposed Cllr James Seconded Cllr Gunn**

**1004 Staffing Report**

The members discussed a realignment of external works staff roles and responsibilities.

Members **RESOLVED** by 9 votes for the resolution to 1 against, to delegate authority to reorganise the roles and responsibilities of the external works staff and to increase the pay range to scale point 19 – 23 for pay role employee 5.

**Proposed Cllr Hamilton Seconded Cllr White**

**1005 Town Clerk Recruitment Update**

The members discussed the offer of employment to replacement Town Clerk, discussions included salary and flexible working

Members **RESOLVED** by 7 votes for the resolution, 2 against and 1 abstention to offer employment with a salary Scale Point 32, a 6-month trial period, flexible working on both sides and CiLCA to be completed within 18 months.

**Proposed Cllr Shearman Seconded Cllr Mackillop**



