Ilminster Town Council

Minutes of an informal group of members of the **Planning**, **Highways and Transport Working Group** held on the

6 July 2021 at 7-30pm.

Present:

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

Committee Members: Cllr A Shearman; Cllr M James; Cllr I Mackillop; Cllr S Shepherd and Cllr L Wilcock; Cllr L Taylor; Cllr R Swann.

Officers: M Tredwin (Locum Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Clerk)

In attendance

Councillors: Cllr V Keitch; Cllr B Hamilton:

P442.WG Public Forum

No members of the public attended the meeting.

P443.WG Apologies for absence

Cllr M Gunn.

P444.WG Declarations of Interest

None declared

P445.WG Dispensations

None given

P446.WG Minutes

Members were reminded that Minutes will be considered formally at a meeting

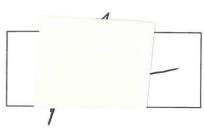
of the reconvened Planning, Highways and Transport Committee.

P447.WG Clerk's Update report

Ashcombe Court

Members were informed that despite there being in excess of thirty residential properties only a very small number had passed any comments on what course of action they wanted regarding parking issues. These were inconsistent and as such officers could not provide members with any conclusive courses of action to take at this point.

Cllr Keitch did say that she had been approached by a resident and had fed back the same information that the Town Council had provided.



Speed indication Device

Members were made aware that officers were investigating the possibility of purchasing a second-hand SID.

Carnival Park Planning Application

Members were informed that as a result of enquiries from a County Councillor, the clerk had been contacted by the SSDC Planning department raising concerns over the application. It was explained that the initial paperwork trail and authority from the council did not appear to be definitively in place. As a result they wanted to know if the Town Council wished to withdraw the application or declare it invalid as a result of the concerns raised.

Members discussed the pro's and cons of the fact that the original application had not gone to Full Council. Some members felt it had, but the clerk pointed out no published minutes showed that it had. It therefore could have been challenged when going before South Somerset District Council's Planning committee.

Members felt that there was no option but for the application to be declared invalid thereby enabling the fee to be refunded.

P448.WG Parking restriction on West Street

Members discussed a few issues that were being raised with them in respect of West Street. These included:

TRO's being notoriously difficult to reverse

Could not Ashcombe Court be included?

Could the parking not be increased to two hours waiting?

A difficult balance between shoppers, residents and retailers.

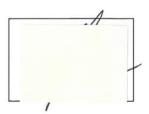
Members felt they needed more time to obtain information and for the Chamber of Commerce to be consulted for their opinion.

P449.WG Application for a yellow H line on Butts

Members discussed the request for the Town Council to write to Somerset County Council to support yellow lines being painted outside of a property to prevent the repeated blocking of a driveway. Members were unanimous in their support for such a proposal. Officers to action a letter supporting the proposal.

Planning Applications

Members considered the following applications:



P450.WG 21/01315/HOU - 14 New Road - erect a single storey extension with a flat roof to rear of dwelling

Members noted that this application had in fact already been approved.

P451.WG 21/01671/HOU - 6 The Heights – alterations and erection of a two-storey extension to side, a single storey extension to rear and a canopy porch to front.

Members Recommended officers to approve the application.

P452.WG 21/01583/LBC – 25 Station Road - replace covering of rear veranda and paint side wing walls to front elevation.

Members Recommended officers to approve the application.

P453.WG 21/01813/HOU - 98 Lower Meadow - single storey rear extension

Members Recommended officers to approve the application.

P454.WG 21/01969/HOU - The Old Coach house 35 East Street - Proposed Garden Office/Studio

Members **Recommended** officers to approve the application.

P455.WG Planning Appeals

Members noted the information that there were no appeals

P456.WG Planning Decisions made by SSDC

Members noted the information that decisions were made by South Somerset District Council and are reported for information

Meeting ended 20:24hrs