

A meeting of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** was held on **7th July 2020** via Skype commencing at 20:10hrs

Present:

Chair: Cllr A Shearman

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

In Attendance

Councillors:

I Mackillop, L Taylor, L Wilcock, M James, V Higgins, P Burton, S Shepherd and District Councillor B Hamilton

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

P331 Apologies for absence

Councillor R Swann

P332 Declarations of Interest

No declarations made.

P333 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2020 were considered.

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 5th May 2020 be confirmed as a correct record.

P334 Office Action plan

The current Office Action Plan was considered.

- Item 1 - Grit bins around the town to be checked by Cllr A Shearman to establish which belong to the Town Council and which belong to District Council.
- Item 5 – To remove reference to the bus shelter at Canal Way. Work now fully completed.

P335 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.

P336 Noise of manhole/grid Listers Hill

Cllr A Shearman advised that the noisy manhole cover issue had been resolved.

P337 Review and update of the Business and Planning Bill 2019-21 – Pavement Licence

The Town Clerk gave an update on the draft bill. At present the bill is being discussed in the House of Lords. The next discussion is due on the evening 13th July 2020. If no amendments are proposed it could be agreed swiftly. Any amendments and there will be a delay. South Somerset District Council will be responsible for applications. When an application is applied for there the draft states there will be seven days to object to the application. If Bill is passed Town Clerk to monitor if notices are erected, notify Councillors and call an urgent decision meeting.

P338 To discuss Pavement Furniture in the town

To consider the placement of furniture on the pavements outside shops in the town.

RESOLVED that this was a Highways consideration.

P339 Archie Gooch Pavilion – Car Park usage

To consider part of the car park being used as a social space.

RESOLVED to monitor the situation of the parking.

P340 Planning Applications

The Committee considered the following applications:

a. 20/01554/HOU 76 Summerlands Park Avenue Iminster TA19 9BU

Demolition of conservatory and erection of front and rear single-story extensions to dwelling. Committee agreed the plan was to modernize. No objections.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

b. 20/01315/FUL The Cricket Pavilion Iminster Cricket Club Canal Way Iminster

The erection of cricket pavilion to replace existing pavilion.

Cllr Shepherd attending the meeting as an observer. The committee considered the side elevation. They asked Cllr Shepherd if he could confirm whether this was permanent. Cllr Shepherd advised it was a flap cover to be used if raining. It would be secured against the building when not in use. The roof was to be in the shape of a cricket bat. It may be covered in grass or may have solar panels. A query was raised about the roof lights in the cubicles and how many there would be. Cllr Shepherd confirmed the lights were up for debate. No decision has been made yet on these features.

The committee had a concern about the access to the site when building commences. Would a form of matting be put down to protect the area from the vehicles. The matting or material used needs to be flat and not cause a tripping hazard for the public as the access point will cross a public right of way. The public right of way needs to be kept in mind from a health and safety point of view.

No objections.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

c. 20/01625/FUL 5 Victoria Court Silver Street Iminster TA19 0DD

Creation of a new window on the west elevation of the dwelling

The plans were reviewed. Other options were considered including a Velux window in the roof or a larger window on the Eastern side. Objection was considered on the grounds of loss of privacy and overlooking.

RESOLVED to object on the grounds of loss of privacy and overlooking. One abstention.

d. 20/01668/LBC North Street House 7 North Street Iminster TA19 0DG

Installation of a through floor lift from the first to second floor

Committee considered it was an internal improvement to increase accessibility and to modernise.

RESOLVED to recommend approval.

P341 Planning Appeals

No planning appeals.

P342 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: 20:17