

Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Ilminster Town Council held on
**Tuesday 2nd November 2021 at 19.30 hrs, in the Council Chamber, Council Offices,
North Street, Ilminster, TA19 0DG**

Chair: Cllr P Burton

Councillors: Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford, Cllr I MacKillop, Cllr M Gunn, Cllr S Shepherd, Cllr A Shearman, Cllr R Swann, Cllr L Taylor, Cllr H Lancaster, Cllr N Tinson

Officers: M Tredwin (Town Clerk), J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk and RFO), V Freeman (Administration Officer)

In attendance Cllr L Vijeh, 4 members of the public.

1054 Public Forum

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

1055 Apologies for Absence

Cllr F White - Personal reasons
Cllr L Wilcock - Personal reasons
Cllr V Keitch - Personal reasons

1056 Declaration of Interests

Cllr L Taylor Minute item 1062 knows the applicant well
Cllr S Shepherd Minute item 1062 knows the applicant

1057 Dispensations

There were no dispensations requested or given

1058 Minutes – Town Council

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously that the minutes of the meeting held on the 19th October 2021 as a correct record.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Taylor

1059 Abbots Close – dropped kerbs

Members discussed the need for a dropped kerb.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate officers to send an application to National Highways requesting the installation of two dropped kerbs on Abbots Close.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Swann

1060 Flood response

Members briefly discussed the recent flooding in the town, if more sand was needed to be ordered, whether Officers should be given delegated authority to use the Community Resilience fund, if required, and that flooding will be an agenda item at the next meeting, 16th November 2021, where it can be fully discussed.



Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to delegate authority to officers to dispense funding held under the Community Resilience Budget Heading if required towards the flood response.

Proposer Cllr Shearman **Seconded** Cllr Shepherd

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Planning Applications

21/02991/FUL – land adjacent to the tennis courts on Canal Way
A compound comprising of a kiosk unit to house data exchange for telecommunications (Jurassic Fibre) including concrete slab for placement, and timber perimeter fencing.

Because the Town Council is the landowner and has a financial interest in this application it will not be making any comment on the application.

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Planning appeals

20/03158/FUL- the erection of 3 no flats, Appeal Type: Written Representation
Members **NOTED** the above planning appeal

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Town Council Consult on proposed A358 plans

Peter Gregory from the Parish Councils Informal Group attended the meeting to update members on the timeline over the last few years, the proposed changes and how it will impact local villages.

This included 2,000 people living in Ilminster who use Broadway Surgery and 30 families who have children at Neroche School. The changes to the Southfields roundabout, the proposal for traffic lights and a 40mph speed limit on the Southfields roundabout. He encouraged members to look at the whole scheme and not just the Southfields roundabout part.

Members discussed whether there should be a cycle path, and about the access for the fire engine to Merryfield. Concerns were raised that Ilminster will just be a road sign and people will drive by and not visit the town. As an example, Amesbury has the same set up and there is signage to highlight the town/retail centre. Furthermore, whether there should be another exit onto the A358 from the petrol station onto the roundabout and concerns that local villages could become isolated as it will be more difficult for them to come to Ilminster for shopping/ recreation.

Members deferred their response until they have seen the final Local Parishes response due w/c 8th November. The response has been added as an agenda to the Full Council Meeting to be held on 16th November so that members can submit the response before the deadline on 22nd November.

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Exempt Business

There was no exempt business.

Meeting ended 20.11

