

Minutes of the **Planning, Highways and Transport Committee** meeting  
held on **9<sup>th</sup> April 2024** at **19:30** hrs at the **Iminster Arts Centre,**  
**The Meeting House, Iminster, TA19 0AN**

**Chair:** Cllr P Sellers

**Committee:** Cllr M Gunn, Cllr B Hamilton, Cllr M James, Cllr I MacKillop.

**Officers:** J Earp (Deputy Town Clerk), V Freeman (Administration Officer),  
J Fontana (Open Spaces Manager) C Lee (Countryside Manager)

**In attendance:** There were 3 members of the public present.  
Cllr L Taylor, Cllr J Morris, Cllr S Osborne, Cllr B Jenner-Hurford

**24-001-PHT Public Forum**

A member of the public and Dowlish Ford resident addressed Members.

The resident advised Members that the A358 through Sea and past the Gooch and Housego factory is a very busy road, some drivers have no respect, there are no streetlights and no pavement in places. The resident contacted Somerset Council and they advised her to contact Iminster Town Council.

The resident supports the proposal for the reduction of the speed limit.

Cllr Osborne addressed Members in her role as a Somerset Councillor.

Cllr Osborne was pleased to see the reduction in speed limit from Iminster to A358 through Sea as an item on the Agenda. The residents of Sea have wanted a reduction in the speed limit for over 20 years and she is happy to support the proposal to reduce the speed limit.

**24-002-PHT Apologies for absence**

Cllr N Tinson

Cllr A Shearman

Cllr J Karchud

The Clerk has confirmed that reasons have been provided.

**24-003-PHT Declarations of interest**

There were no declarations of interest made.

**24-004-PHT Dispensations**

There were no dispensations requested or granted.

**24-005-PHT Minutes**

Members **RESOLVED** by 4 votes for that the Minutes of the meeting held on 5 March 2024 are a correct record.

**Proposer** Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr Gunn

**24-006-PHT**

**Reduction in speed limit from Ilminster to A358 through Sea**

Members discussed the report.

Discussions included Highways previously haven't supported investigating the reduction, generally the volume of traffic has increased along that road, and Donyatt floods on a regular basis and as it is the division route, it results in a much higher volume of traffic.

Members **RESOLVED** unanimously to allocate £250 to cover 50% of the initial cost of implementing the reduction in the speed limit from the National Speed limit from the A358 through Sea to the Ilminster town boundary.

**Proposer** Cllr Sellers **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

**24-007-PHT**

**Planning Applications**

Somerset Planning webpage:

<https://www.somerset.gov.uk/planning-buildings-and-land/view-and-comment-on-a-planning-application/>

**A** 24/00495/LBC Installation of two conservation rooflights on east elevation roof slope of the existing single storey rear extension.

Olcote House 33 Ditton Street Ilminster Somerset TA19 0BQ

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support the application subject to the Conservation Officers approval.

**Proposer** Cllr James **Seconded** Cllr Hamilton

**B** 24/00518/HOU Demolition of part of existing bungalow including garages, raising of roof to remaining section, extension forming two stories and single storey garage. Little Tawny Townsend Ilminster Somerset TA19 0JA

Members discussed the above application.

Discussions included reviewing the neighbours comment, which has been resolved after amended plans have been submitted, and the property is not in a conservation area.

Members **RECOMMENDED** unanimously to support the application.

**Proposer** Cllr Hamilton **Seconded** Cllr James

**24-008-PHT**

**Planning Appeals**

Planning Inspectorate Appeal Reference: APP/E3335/D/23/3334900

Appeal in respect of application decision reference 23/02274/HOU

Appeal starting date – 14 March 2024

Members **NOTED** the appeal.



24-009-PHT

**Planning Decisions made by Somerset Council**

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

Meeting ended at 19.54



