

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee
held on Thursday 11 February 2010 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Hazel Bowden, Cllr Paul Chamberlain, Cllr Sally de Renzy-Martin, Cllr Peter Murphy (Chair), Cllr Doug Webber, Cllr Dave Westcott, Cllr Vincent Woods

In attendance: Sarah Reed Town Clerk

10/107B To Receive Apologies for Absence: None

10/108B To Receive Declarations of Interest: None at this point

10/109B Parking at Mill Lane - Update

Cllr Murphy reported that he and Cllr Woods had met Richard Newby, SCC Highways on Wednesday 27 January 2010 to discuss the parking problems at this area. He continued that Mr Newby had suggested marking a white lined box in the centre of the problem area (road leading from the Star Inn to Market Street) with the words "keep clear" marked inside. He continued that these markings would hopefully deter vehicles from parking in this area and encourage them to park on the edges, keeping the central area clear. Richard Newby is to send written confirmation of this proposal for consideration at a future meeting.

10/110B Railway Footbridge - Update

A brief discussion ensued where it was agreed that the update that was given by the Ward members at the February Full Council meeting fully explained the current situation with regard to the footbridge.

Cllr Chamberlain proposed that this committee delegates permission to Cllr Murphy to investigate through his role as (PPLO) the process in which the footbridge can become part of the definitive map and in turn secure it as a public right of way. Seconded by Cllr de Renzy-Martin. Carried.

10/111B Review of lighting at West Street Car Park

The Clerk reported that the light at West Street Car Park to the right of the electrical barrier looking from West Street had been broken for a long period of time. Two electrical companies had assessed the light but there seems to be problems associated with repairing it.

After a brief discussion, Cllr Chamberlain proposed that SEC Lighting is contacted and the following quotations sought:

1. To repair the standard lamp
2. To replace and install a new standard lamp
3. To install a tight standard that illuminates a larger area ie preferably housing two amps, with a lower wattage

Seconded by Cllr Woods. Carried.

10/112B Matters to note for the next meeting

- Presentation by Angela Lamplough
- Parking on the Garden Site, Mill Street
- SEC Lighting – quotes for West Street Car Park

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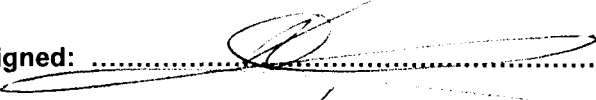
10/113B To address items received from the planning authority requiring attention prior to the next West Somerset / Somerset County Council / planning meetings

Nothing to report

The plans discussed as outlined below and included in a letter addressed to Andrew Goodchild Planning Manager at the Planning Office, West Somerset Council, dated 15 February 2010, and sent by email, are as follows:

- 3/37/10/001 Esplanade House, 9 The Esplanade, Watchet**
Conservatory & ground floor lavatory for disabled person
Town & Country Planning Act 1990, (as amended)
No objections
- 3/37/10/002 Esplanade House, 9 The Esplanade, Watchet**
Internal & external alterations to form conservatory & ground floor toilet
Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act, 1990
No objections
- 3/37/10/003 Old toilet block, West Quay, Watchet**
Change of use from public toilets into shower & changing facilities
No objections
- 3/37/10/004 49 Woodland Road, Watchet**
Conversion of garage & store to annex bedroom
Recommend approval
- 3/37/10/005 Railway Cuttings, 19 Holm View, Watchet**
Erection of conservatory at rear of property with paving and step
No comment but that the Committee regret that the planning application is retrospective
- 3/37/10/006 Land to the West of Churchill Way, Watchet**
Development of 33 affordable & intermediate affordable houses with associated works & parking
This committee recommends approval and welcomes development which will provide additional low cost local housing. However, concerns have been expressed regarding liability to flood

The meeting closed at 7.21pm

Signed: 

Dated: 