

**Minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee
held remotely on 19 November 2020 at 6.30pm**

Present: Cllr Campbell, Cllr Irven, Cllr Murphy, Cllr Johnson, and Cllr Westcott (Chair)

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk

20/98B To receive apologies for absence: None

20/99B To receive Declarations of Interest:

Name	Minute No:	Description of Interest	Personal / Prejudicial	Action Taken
Cllr Johnson and Cllr Campbell	20/104B	Rental users of West Street Car Park	Personal	Councillors remained in the meeting and took part in the discussion and voting
Cllr Westcott	Plan 20/37/20/019	Friends live next door	Personal	

20/100B Precept 2021-22:

(i) To recommend the Committee budget for inclusion in the 2021-22 Precept – *The RFO had circulated the Committees proposed budget spend for 20-21 together with budget recommendations for discussion prior to the meeting.* A discussion ensued whereby Cllr Westcott proposed that ***'the following recommendations are approved and a Committee budget of £6,000 is presented to Full Council in the January meeting as part of the Precept 2021-22 proposals'***. Seconded by Cllr Murphy. Carried

- To note the Committee budget balance of £3,337, and the breakdown showing that 45% of the 2020-21 budget has been spend and 55% is the remaining balance. The balance remains higher than government guidelines, but it is not good practice to lower a Committee budget

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Precept Recommendation	2021-22
Street Lighting Repair	£2,000
West Street Car Park	£3,000
Electricity – Street Lighting	£1,000
Total	£6,000

20/101B Matters for the next meeting - liaise with the Clerk

20/102B To address items received from the Planning Authority requiring attention prior to the next Somerset West & Taunton Council/Somerset County Council/ Planning Meetings: Nothing to report.

Cllr Murphy proposed that ***'the order of business is changed and planning application 3/37/20/019 is considered as next business'***. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried.

Plans to be discussed:

3/37/20/019 18 Bay View, Watchet, TA23 0EY
Erection of a two-storey side extension and associated alterations
Committee recommends approval

20/103B Exclusion of Press and Public

“That in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the public be temporarily excluded and they are instructed to withdraw” (Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

Cllr Murphy proposed that ***‘in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted that Standing Order 1c is invoked and the public are instructed to withdraw from the meeting’***. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried

See Excluded Notes **20/37EX**

20/104B West Street Car Park:

- (i) Unauthorised vehicles – Update report from the Clerk with recommendations- the Clerk presented a report detailing the situation regarding unauthorised vehicles who continue to park illegally in the car park and informed members of the advice received from both the Councils Solicitor and the Police. Members noted the contents of the report.

Cllr Westcott proposed that the ***‘public are permitted to re-join the meeting’***. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried

Meeting closed at 6.56pm

Signed: 

Date: *9/12/20*