

**Minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee
held on Thursday 24 February 2022 at 6.30pm**

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

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk,

22/181B To receive apologies for absence: (LGA 1972, section 85 (1)- Cllr Westcott proposed that *'the Apologies from Cllrs Irvén and Terrett are accepted'*. Seconded by Cllr Murphy. Carried.

22/182B To receive any Declaration of Interests:

| Cllr | Item no. | Reason | Personal or Prejudicial | Outcome |
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| Cllrs Campbell & Johnson | 22/184B (i) | Tenant of West Street Car Park | Personal | Cllrs remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion or voting |

22/183B Traffic Analysis Working Group:

Cllr Murphy reported that there was not an update as the group had not met, but the Clerk had instructed Richard Fitter, Entran, that the Council wished to extend the consultancy fee period and continue to engage his services in drafting a response to the Planning authority regarding the Cleeve Hill proposed development. As yet there had not been a response.

22/184B West Street Car Park:

(i) To consider a quotation to clean up the car park and create new parking spaces- *circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1-* after a brief discussion, Cllr Johnson proposed that **'both quotations are accepted as follows:**

Clean up – to supply excavator and roller with operators to scrape off mud and vegetation, remove from site, lay grade and compact existing sub-base as required, supply and lay compact 30 ton of type sub-base to areas as required- £2,895

Removal of bank and extending car park – Excavate bank, reduce dig to required depth and remove excavations from site, lay membrane to base excavation, supply, lay and compact 100mm thick of type 1 sub-base all to an approximate area of 150m², lay gravel, fill drain 25mlong at bottom of car park - £3,795 and a recommendation is made to Full Council in the March meeting to set a reserve of up to £7,000 to undertake the work'. Seconded by Cllr Campbell. Carried.

22/185B Direct bus to Taunton at peak times – to consider the suggestion by Watchet ward member- deferred from Full Council meeting held on 14 February 2022. A long discussion ensued with varying opinions expressed. Cllr Murphy proposed that **'First Bus are contacted and asked if they would support the modal shift of commuters using the bus rather than car in exploring the provision of a direct fast bus to Taunton at peak times'**. Seconded by Cllr Johnson. Carried with 4 votes for and 1 abstention.

22/186B To address items received from the planning authority requiring attention prior to the next Somerset West & Taunton / Somerset County Council / planning meetings: Nothing to report.

Planning and plans to be discussed:

FPD/37/21/001

Liddymore Farm, Liddymore Lane, Watchet, TA23 0UA
Footpath Diversion Application – WL28/20 and WL28/21 Liddymore Farm
The Committee recommends approval.



22/186B Matters for the next meeting

- liaise with the Clerk
- Condition of the footpath at Seaview Terrace – update
- Change of Policy - West Street car park

Meeting closed at 7.04pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....