

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

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

In attendance: Sarah Reed, Town Clerk, 2 members of the public

22/187B To receive apologies for absence: (LGA 1972, section 85 (1)- Cllr Westcott proposed that *'the Apologies from Cllrs Campbell and Terrett are accepted'*. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.

22/188B To receive any Declaration of Interests:

Cllr	Item no.	Reason	Personal or Prejudicial	Outcome
Cllr Johnson	22/190B (i)	Tenant of West Street Car Park	Personal	Cllr remained in the meeting and participated in the discussion or voting

22/189B Traffic Analysis Working Group:

Cllr Irven 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.

22/190B West Street Car Park:

- (i) To consider a change to the parking policy regarding caravans – *paperwork was circulated prior to the meeting via Appendix 1* – after a brief discussion, Cllr Murphy proposed that *'the following amendments to section 23 are approved – from 24 March 2022, Watchet Town Council will not be reallocating caravan spaces once they are relinquished by the current tenant. From this date, relinquished caravan spaces will be designated as car parking spaces'*. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried with 4 votes for and 1 vote against.
- (ii) To consider comments made by a resident regarding management of the car park – there followed a brief discussion, where members refuted the comments made and through a proposal by Cllr Johnson *'the Clerk is delegated to draft an appropriate response'*. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.

22/191B Direct bus to Taunton at peak times – the Clerk reported that the letter as agreed at the last meeting had been drafted, but there had been some difficulty sourcing the contact details of the Manager of the Somerset area, but once the contact details were confirmed the letter would be sent.

22/192B Footpath at Seaview Terrace – update

Despite having chased up Savills, the agents acting on behalf of the Orchard Wyndham Estate, owners of the footpath, the Clerk reported that no response had been received, so there was no update to give.

22/193B 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:

22/37/22/001 **3 Causeway Terrace, Watchet, TA23 0HP**
Erection of first floor extension
The Committee recommends approval but would like it noted that a concern has been raised to the possible loss of light to the adjacent property, no.4 Causeway Terrace.

22/37/22/002 **32 South Road, Watchet, TA23 0HE**
Erection of 1 No. dwelling (resubmission of 3/37/21/032)
The Committee concur the reasons for refusal as follows 'the proposed dwelling is considered to constitute overdevelopment of the site and its form, scale and position within the site would have a detrimental impact on the existing street scene and represent a cramped form of development that does not make a positive contribution to local character. In addition, the development would result in material harm to residential amenity. It is therefore contrary to Policy NH13 of the West Somerset Council Local Plan to 2032, and the National Planning Policy Framework' and whilst members acknowledge that the resubmission does attempt to mitigate some of the grounds for refusal, the Committee do not think this is enough to enable them to change their opinion, therefore the Committee objects to this application.

22/194B Matters for the next meeting

- Liaise with the Clerk
- Condition of the footpath at Seaview Terrace – update

Meeting closed at 6.50pm

Signed:.....

Date:.....