

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Committee
held on Thursday 18 May 2023 at 6.30pm

Present: Cllr Irven, Cllr Moss, Cllr Richards, Cllr Westcott, and Cllr Whetlor

In attendance: Jo Grellier, Deputy Town Clerk

- 23/126B **To elect a Chair of Committee**
Cllr Irven proposed '***Cllr Westcott is elected as Chair***'. With no seconder the motion fell. Cllr Richards proposed that '***Cllr Whetlor is elected as Chair***'. Seconded by Cllr Moss. Carried with 2 abstentions.
- 23/127B **To receive apologies for absence:** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that '***apologies given by Cllrs Campbell and Cllr Murphy are accepted***'. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
- 23/128B **To receive any Declaration of Interests** under Watchet Town Council's Code of Conduct (Adopted on 9 July 2012) issued in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 and the Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 Si No: 1464

Name	Minute no	Description of Interest	Personal & Prejudicial	Action
None				

- 23/129B **To receive and sign the minutes of the previous Environment and Planning meeting** - (27 April 2023) and adopt the Resolutions and Recommendations contained therein. (LGA 1972, SCH12 Para 41 (1) - (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 1*))
Cllr Whetlor proposed that '***the minutes of the Committee meeting held on 27 April 2023 are approved as a true and correct record***'. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried with 2 abstentions.
- 23/130B **Appointment of Committees:**
(i) Asset Management Committee – to appoint 1 member to join the Chair of Committee
Cllr Whetlor proposed that '***Cllr Westcott is appointed to join the Asset Management Committee and as the Chair is already on the Committee as Deputy Chair of Council, an additional member from the E&P committee is voted on to Asset Management by Full Council in June***'. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.
- 23/131B **Allotment/West Beach subsidence:**
(i) Update - *if required*
Cllr Irven shared an up-to-date photograph of the allotment cliffs and informed members that the Assets Committee approved the car park recommendations from R&T.
- 23/132B **Watchet Work Force:**
(i) Recommendation from the Watchet Task Force to look at options for increasing parking spaces in the town- *discussion*
A discussion between members took place following a recommendation from the Watchet Task Force to consider options for increasing car parking spaces in Watchet Town. Cllr Irven proposed that '***Somerset Council are invited to a site visit to meet with members to discuss where additional parking could be added***'. Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.
- 23/133B **20mph Scheme:**
(i) To discuss the Somerset Council 20mph Scheme - (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to the meeting via Appendix 2*)

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The Somerset Council 20mph Scheme briefing slides from their presentation held on 5th April 2023 were discussed. Cllr Whetlor proposed ***'members note the report and re-evaluate it looking into Local Transport Plan. Bring back further information to July meeting.'*** Seconded by Cllr Richards. Carried.

- 23/134B To address items received from the planning authority requiring attention prior to the next Somerset Council / Somerset County Council / planning meetings: *if required*
None received.

Plans received for discussion

3/37/23/014 4 Cherry Tree Way, Watchet, TA23 0UB

Erection of a single storey extension to the rear and porch to the side
The Committee recommend approval.

23/135B **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 Whetlor proposed 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"***. Seconded by Cllr Irven. Carried.

23/136B **Cleeve Hill Development**

(i) Cleeve Hill planning application & B3191 road realignment – *discussion*.
See Excluded notes **23/11EX**. Cllr Irven provided members with an update.

Cllr Richards proposed ***'the re-admittance of the public to the meeting'***. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

Cllr Irven proposed ***'invite members from Somerset Council and associated organisations who attended Cleeve Hill meeting on 2nd February 2023, for a follow-up meeting'***. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

- 23/137B **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion
- Liaise with Deputy Clerk

Meeting closed at 7.27pm

Signed..... h. A. Whetlor

Date..... 22/6/23