

Minutes of the Environment & Planning Meeting held on Thursday 18th July 2024

Present: Cllrs Whetlor, Brake, Irven, Murphy & Westcott

In attendance: Annie Robinson – Deputy Town Clerk, 0 member/s of the Public

- 24/10B **To Receive Apologies for Absence:** (LGA 1972, section 85 (1))
Cllr Murphy proposed that **'apologies given by Cllrs Young and Moss are accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/11B **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
None.
- 24/12B **To receive and sign the minutes of the previous Environment and Planning meeting** – (Thursday 20th June 2024) 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 Brake proposed that **'the Environment and Planning Committee minutes of the 20th June 2024 are a true and accurate record'**. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried. 2 Abstentions.
- 24/13B **Entran Transport Road Traffic Analysis Parsonage Farm** – *Verbal update by Cllr Irven*
Cllr Irven updated members that the scheduled planning meeting in July had been cancelled, the next Somerset Council Planning meeting is scheduled for August 20th and Cllr Irven advised that he will speak on behalf of WTC as delegated.
- 24/14B **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 Brake proposed that **'due to the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted the public are instructed to withdraw'**. Seconded by Cllr Westcott. Carried

Members of the public left the meeting at: 6.47pm

See excluded notes 24/26

- 24/15B **Geckoella Report** - Update (*paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 2*)
Cllr Irven updated members on information from Geckoella following the drone survey on 17th July.

At 7.15pm proposed by Cllr Brake proposed **'the public are readmitted to the meeting'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/16B **LCN Highways Meeting** – Update by Cllr Whetlor (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 3*) Cllr Whetlor updated the Committee. Members noted the update. A discussion ensued. Cllr Johnson proposed that **'the letter template from Somerset Council regarding overhanging Vegetation be accepted'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
Cllr Irven proposed that **'the Committee Clerk organise a follow up meeting regarding the B3191 road closure and invites other effected Parish Councils and Geckoella to attend'**. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.
- 24/17B **Somerset Highways**
(i) Double Yellow Line Report – verbal update by Committee Clerk
The Clerk updated Members that there had been no further responses and that final letters would be delivered to South Road. Members noted the update. A discussion ensued.
Cllr Murphy proposed that **'the Committee Clerk write to Somerset Council Highways to request that 1 - 2 of the new spaces in Market Street Car Park be made into '20**

minute' parking bays'. Seconded by Cllr Whetlor. Carried.

- (ii) Resident Speeding concerns - (*Paperwork circulated to members prior to meeting via Appendix 4*)
Members noted the residents' Brendon Road speeding concerns. A discussion ensued. Cllr Murphy proposed that – ***'the Committee Clerk contact Somerset Council Highways to request that strips are installed on Brendon Road to monitor the general speed of motorists, as a first step toward monitoring speeding traffic'***. Seconded by Cllr Brake. Carried.

24/18B To address items received from the planning authority requiring attention prior to the next Somerset Council planning meetings.

Plans received for discussion - None received

- 24/19B **Matters for the next meeting** – verbal, no discussion
- Liaise with Clerk

Meeting closed at: 7.38pm

Signed.....

Date.....*29/3/24*.....