



MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 27th November 2023 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Frances Alden, Linda Ball, Margaret Bebbington, David Gill, Judi Morison, Pek Peppin and Angela Piggott

Clerk: Lisa Davis

In attendance: 1 member of the public

19:00 – Open session

Spencer Sanderson spoke about the land at the entrance to Catherines Close and the four-year wilding plan that he had produced. Philippa Biddlecombe thanked him for the work that he had done.

The meeting started at 19:09

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PI33 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Trevor Oats and Rob Worth

PI34 Declarations of personal or pecuniary interest (these must be declared BEFORE the agenda items concerned are discussed. Persons with a declared pecuniary interest must leave the meeting room when these are discussed).

There were no declarations of interest.

PI35 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting of 25th September 2023

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (6 – for, 2 – abstained, 0- against) that the minutes of the meeting be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI36 Action points from previous meetings:

There were no updates.

PI37 Infrastructure:

- a) **Paviments** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that some works had been completed to the area outside The George but other works discussed were still outstanding.
- b) **To consider area and associated costs for proposed 20mph zone** Somerset Council had been unable to provide the costs yet, although had advised that it would not be more than £10,000. It was hoped that the costs would be available by the end of December. It was agreed that the proposal should be discussed at the joint meeting with APC on 29th November.
- c) **To discuss issues with phone box near the Horsepond** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the phone box was in disrepair. It was agreed to find out who had adopted the phone box so that contact could be made with them.

Action 232711/1: Deputy Clerk / Judi Morison

PI38 Properties – Pavilion and Donald Pither Memorial Field

- a) **Update on Pavilion project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that a request for pre-application planning advice would be submitted to Somerset Council. It was noted that the Football Club had made some improvements to the flooring and re-painted some areas of the Pavilion as they had lost two teams recently due to the state of the current facilities.
- b) **To discuss wilding proposal for area at Catherines Close** it was agreed to discuss further once a copy of the four-year plan had been circulated with a view to starting in 2024.
- c) **To discuss issues with basketball court** Somerset Council had confirmed that S106 funds available for Playing Pitches could be used for re-surfacing the basketball court. It was agreed to get specialist advice about the best type of surfacing to use.

Action 232711/2: Town Clerk

PI39 Market House

- a) **Update on Market House project** Pek Peppin reported that Somerset Council Planning had now requested that a bat survey is completed.
- b) **Billiard Room – update on issues and works completed** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that the works had been completed and the wall had now dried out. Philippa would contact a company about the works required to the floor.

Action 232711/3: Philippa Biddlecombe

PI40 Millbrook Hub

- a) **To discuss cleaning arrangements for Millbrook toilets** The Town Clerk reported that Somerset Council had advised that it would be looking to end the cleaning arrangements currently in place. It was agreed that Millbrook Hub should be discussed as part of the service and asset devolution discussion at the joint meeting with APC on 29th November.

PI41 Speed Watch

- a) **Update on Ansford and Castle Cary Speed Watch** A summary of the data collected to date at Station Road had been circulated in advance of the meeting. It was noted that 7% of vehicles recorded were going over 30mph and 0.7% of vehicles recorded were going 37 mph or more. Judi Morison thanked the Community Speedwatch volunteers for their continued work.

PI42 Traffic Working Group

- a) **To discuss progress to date and forward plan** There was no update.

PI43 Health and Safety

- a) **To discuss CCTC health and safety advice / support requirements** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that Helen at Safetywise had now retired so there was a need to identify alternative Health and Safety advice/support provision. David Gill agreed to look at the current requirements and risk assessments.

Action 232711/4: Town Clerk / David Gill

The meeting ended at 20:31

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 22nd January 2024 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 11th January 2024.