



MINUTES OF PROPERTY & INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING

held on Monday 25th November 2024 at 7.00pm

Councillors present: Philippa Biddlecombe (Chair), Margaret Bebbington, Robert Brown, Judi Morison, Trevor Oats, Angela Piggott and Tom Trouton

Clerk: Lisa Davis

In attendance: Rosa Bell – Somerset Bus Partnership, 1 member of the public

Before the meeting started, Philippa Biddlecombe reminded all Councillors of the Civility and Respect pledge that has been approved by CCTC.

The meeting started at 19:00

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PI31 Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Frances Alden, Linda Ball, David Gill and Pek Peppin

PI32 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.

PI33 Approval of Minutes of Property & Infrastructure Committee meeting on Monday 23rd September 2024

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed (5 – for, 0 – against, 2 – abstained) that the minutes of the meeting on 23rd September 2024 be approved to be signed by the Chair at a later time.

PI34 Action points from previous meetings

PI35 Pavilion & Donald Pither Memorial Field

a) **Update on Pavilion project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that planning consent has been granted.

b) **To consider closure of Catherines Close toilets due to continuous vandalism**
RESOLVED: it was proposed and unanimously agreed to repair the door and keep the toilets closed until at least the Spring.

c) **To discuss larger replacement signage for dogs on leads at the Donald Pither field** it was agreed to install additional signage and to run a social media campaign regarding the health risks

Action 240923/1: Philippa Biddlecombe/Town Clerk

PI36 Infrastructure

a) **Pavements – update on works** Some repair works have been completed. Robert Brown offered to draft a proposal for replacement throughout the town centre for further discussion.

Action 240923/2: Robert Brown

- b) **To discuss use of bus shelter at Fore Street for living wall as part of Cary in Bloom 2025** This was agreed in principle but Councillors would like to see the plans when they are available
- c) **To discuss possible installation of a CCTV camera to discourage vehicles parking on the pavement in the town centre** Somerset Council Highways Officer had suggested that it may be possible to install CCTV to discourage vehicles parking on the pavement in the town centre. It was agreed to look into this further.
- d) **To discuss possible installation of defibrillator in the town centre** The Town Clerk reported that this had been discussed at a recent Commerce Association meeting and it was agreed that The George would purchase a mobile unit that would be available during their opening hours.
- e) **To discuss email from resident regarding parking issues at Catherines Close** It was agreed to ask Abri to include more signage and repaint the road markings to make people aware
- f) **To discuss request from resident regarding installation of a sign at Woodcock Street junction** it was agreed to ask Somerset Council Highways for more information about the design and size of signs

Action 240923/3: Town Clerk

- g) **To discuss request from Cary History Society regarding the BMI site** Trevor Oats reported that he met with Cary History Society. It was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would write to Somerset Council and ask them to re-instate the enforcement notice.

Action 240923/4: Deputy Clerk

PI37 Market House

- a) **Update on Market House project** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that a small group would be looking at the design for the kitchen (phase 1)
- b) **To discuss proposal for sign on the outside of the Market House** a proposal for an informative sign to be located on the outside of the Market House had been received from a resident. It was agreed that this was a good suggestion and would be looked into further.

Action 240923/5: Philippa Biddlecombe/Pek Peppin

PI38 Millbrook Hub

- a) **To discuss arrangements for public conveniences from 1st April 2025** Further details were awaited but it was agreed to go out to tender once a decision had been made by Somerset Council.

PI39 Cemetery

- a) **Update on Memorial Wall** There was no update.

PI40 Hanging baskets

- a) **To discuss arrangements for hanging baskets for 2025** It was agreed that Philippa Biddlecombe, Tom Trouton, Margaret Bebbington and the Town Clerk would meet to agree the specification before the Full Council meeting on 9 December.

PI41 Traffic Working Group

- a) **To discuss progress to date** Robert Brown reported that traffic is as bad as normal in the town.

PI42 Speedwatch

- a) **Update on Community Speedwatch in Ansford / Castle Cary** Philippa Biddlecombe reported that SpeedWatch had now started on South Street and North Street, with only 1 speeding vehicle being recorded to date.

PI43 Community Transport

a) To discuss CCTC having representation on a Working Group to look at public transport connection from Castle Cary to Glastonbury

Rosa Bell spoke on behalf of Somerset Bus Partnership regarding a proposal for a bus service between Castle Cary and Glastonbury. Robert Brown reported that GWR are looking at an integrated transport hub at Castle Cary Station which APC have gained funding towards, it was agreed that Robert would send the details to the Town Clerk and Somerset Bus Partnership. Angela Piggott agreed to represent CCTC on a Working Group with another Town Councillor.

Action 240923/6: Robert Brown

PI44 EAT Festival

a) Update on plans for EAT Festival in Castle Cary in April 2025 It was agreed to accept the proposal from the organisers of the EAT Festival to host and arrange a festival in Castle Cary on 13th April 2025.

PI45 Health and Safety

a) To note play inspection reports Noted

PI46 Community Resilience

a) Update on mapping of blocked drains / gullies and discuss next steps Philippa Biddlecombe offered to complete the mapping with Sarah Earle-Marsh. Robert Brown suggested that a hydrologist should be asked to look at the capacity.

PI47 The Bramblers

a) To note that the next 'Bramblers' volunteer session will take place in Spring 2025
Noted

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

The next meeting of the Properties and Infrastructures Committee will be held on Monday 24th February 2025 at 7.00pm. Any items for inclusion on the agenda should be forwarded to the Town Clerk by Thursday 13th February 2025.