

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023 COMMENCING AT 6.30PM  
AT BROADWAY HILL METHODIST CHURCH, HORTON.

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**PUBLIC FORUM** No members of the public were in attendance at the meeting. Cllr Sue Osbourne (Divisional Member) was in attendance at the meeting.

**4099 ATTENDANCE** Councillors Ray Buckler – Chairperson, Barry Mosley – Vice-Chair, Ann Winter, Mike Schmidt, Peter Babbington and Robert Hutchinson.

**4100 APPROVAL OF APOLOGIES** Cllrs Dave Johnson, Julie Layzell and Andy Johnson.

**4101 DECLARATION OF INTEREST** For Information Only - Cllr Robert Hutchinson informed the Council, as has done also previously in a Council meeting, that he has an easement concerning the sewage pipe on the proposed Broadway Hill development site. Wessex Water has previously stated that they will be adopting this pipe however, to date, no progress concerning this has been made.

**4102 TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (SEPTEMBER)** The minutes of the meeting held in September, having previously been circulated, were approved, seconded, and unanimously agreed upon. Concerning the action points, please see below for an update:

- Minute No. 4086 – Cllr Ray Buckler contacted the LPA and raised concerns and the LPA subsequently apologised for the excessive number of letters printed and posted to residents and also the lack of notification of the amended plans to the parish council, no response concerning the IT issues however.
- Minute No. 4087 – The clerk confirmed that the remaining item has now been ordered for the youth group and the order process has commenced with London Hearts regarding the defibrillator for the village hall.
- Minute No. 4088 – Cllr Ray Buckler confirmed GB Sports was formally appointed to carry out repairs however, still needs to contact a tree surgeon for a quote.
- Minute No. 4089 – Refer to minute item no. 4106 below.
- Minute No. 4091 – Clerk to amend minutes to remove a '0' as the total was £140.00. Cllr Ray Buckler is still to make contact with Steve Fox at Somerset Council.
- Minute No. 4092 – Cllr Ray Buckler raised the matter with the LCN but no response to date.

**4103 PLANNING APPLICATION(S)**

6.1 To consider the following planning application – AMENDED PLANS: 23/01649/FUL - Land North Of Broadway Hill Broadway Hill Horton - Construction of 49 dwellings and formation of vehicular access

The amended plans were displayed during the meeting and the following comments were made by the Council concerning the amendments:

Matters relating to highways:

Comments Uploaded on Somerset Council's website from Highways Officer commenting on the application:

*'From Rachel Locke <rachel.locke@somerset.gov.uk> Sent: Wednesday, September 20, 2023 9:06 AM To: Catherine Tyrer <catherine.tyrer@somerset.gov.uk> Subject: Broadway Hill, Horton ref: 23/01649/FUL Morning Catherine, Further to recent correspondence on this matter, the Highway Authority has revisited the application taking account of the Highway Authority response to application 20/03277/FUL.*

*We are content that the previously noted conditions contained within the LPA committee report would satisfactorily secure the highway related matters. I would therefore advise that the Highway Authority would withdraw its previous recommendation. Please be advised that this Authority has no objections to the development as submitted, provided those conditions previously noted are applied to any permission granted.*

*I am also advised that a s106 Agreement is in the process of being negotiated. This document should cite s278 Highways Act 1980 and should secure:*

- *All works either on or directly adjacent to land covered by highway rights*
- *The Travel Plan*

*I look forward to receiving further information on the s106 document in order that I can instruct our legal services accordingly.*

*Many thanks,  
Rachel Locke*

*From: Catherine Tyrer <catherine.tyrer@somerset.gov.uk> Sent: Monday, September 11, 2023 3:47 PM  
To: Rachel Locke <rachel.locke@somerset.gov.uk> Subject: FW: Broadway Hill, Horton ref: 23/01649/FUL*

*Hi Rachel*

*I have received the following email from the agent on the above application, would you be able to provide some commentary on the points he has made? FYI the previous application, which was refused (Committee overturn) was 20/03277/FUL.*

*There has also been a few minor amendments to the plans (loss of garages for units 40 and 43, and garages now proposed for units 45 and 47)*

*Thanks  
Catherine  
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*From: Eric Telford [eric.telford@gmail.com](mailto:eric.telford@gmail.com)  
Sent: 11 September 2023 13:31  
To: Catherine Tyrer [catherine.tyrer@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:catherine.tyrer@somerset.gov.uk)  
Cc: Turner-Hill Ceri <ceri.turner-hill@wienerberger.com>; Manuela Fazzan <manuela.fazzan@Wienerberger.com>; Lia Nardin [Lia.Nardin@wienerberger.com](mailto:Lia.Nardin@wienerberger.com)  
Subject: Broadway Hill, Horton ref: 23/01649/FUL*

*Hi Catherine,*

*I have now had the opportunity to consider the comments of the Highway Authority with respect to the new application. I note that Rachel Locke is dealing with the consultation response when Alex Skidmore considered the previous proposals.*

*I am surprised that the 2 consultation responses can be so different. Whereas Alex and her colleagues on the previous application were satisfied with the proposed scheme, subject to conditions which were deemed to be acceptable to all parties, the new consultation response recommends refusal and requires a substantial amount of new information. That information would have been submitted as part of the subsequent discussions on matters such as surface water, street adoption and construction detailing, Stage 2 details of the Transport Statement and the Travel Plan. Moreover, much of what is being requested such as the Travel Plan, travel vouchers and financial contributions are already covered in the Section 106 Agreement which is nearing completion.*

*The same plans were approved by Highways on the previous application; an application that is currently at appeal accompanied by Highways comments and the Officer's recommendation for approval. It would appear that the previous consultation response, the terms of the 106 Agreement or the reasons for refusal has not been considered by the current Highways Officer and the application has been looked at purely at face value. I have tried to call Rachel as her telephone details were on the consultation response so that I could discuss her comments against the previous proposals and Highways suggested conditions. To date she has not responded so I would be grateful if these issues could be taken up with Highways and agreed once again, that they can be covered by appropriate conditions.*

*Kind regards,*

*Eric*

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Somerset Council Highways department provided comments on the previous 2020 proposal and has considered these are still appropriate and relevant to the current planning application however the parish council considered the previous comments have no bearing on the current scheme given the length of time that has now passed (3-4 years). Since the previous application was considered the A358 upgrade plans have further been developed, SID data needs to be taken into account, as data and reports from the parish council's externally appointed highways consultant and local circumstances have now changed.

The parish council proposed to challenge Somerset Council on why once being questioned by the applicant's agent the Highways Officer subsequently withdrew their objections to the proposal.

Internal Layout: The site layout plan would indicate that the proposed dwellings in the 'courtyard' to the north of the site would not be able to be accessed by service vehicles i.e. refuse lorries.

Pedestrian access: Lack of provision of public footpath from the development site to Pound Road forcing pedestrians to use the singular access via Broadway Hill and consequently forcing pedestrians to make several road crossings to access Pound Road on a road where the SID data demonstrates excess vehicle speeds.

Garages: Only singular garages to be built which will result in excess vehicles parking on the internal estate roads. Do the parking numbers meet the parking strategy? The application form states that 161 car parking spaces are proposed.

To conclude, the parish council objects to the planning application and amended plans in its entirety. The Council's formal objection to be submitted to Somerset Council will cover the following points:

- External traffic issues
- Internal roadway layout/issues
- Education
- Local Parish Development (cumulative impact of all developments).

*Action: Cllr Ray Buckler to draft a response and the Council will meet remotely to discuss/amend the draft response where appropriate before submitting it.*

**4104 CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE CONSULTATION** Refer to Appendix 1 for a copy of the consultation. The parish council advise that parish councillors and residents respond to the consultation on an individual basis.

**4105 PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

8.1 General Update – Refer to **Appendix 2**.

**4106 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE – UPDATE**

- Recent data shows when there have been incidents on the A303/Southfields roundabout traffic will use the village as an alternative route. Cllrs Ray Buckler and Barry Mosely to decipher the data from the SIDs to highlight problematic periods/reoccurring times etc.
- SID currently on Broadway Hill has been interfered with again by an unknown person and the speed setting was altered, the Council will add security measures to the device to prevent further interference.
- SID data to be used in formal objection to the proposed planning application by Galiion on Broadway Hill
- Clerk to order additional two brackets via Elan.
- Pottery Road – additional location identified where SID can be sited however the current infrastructure (pole) is not to the required standards and therefore a new pole needs to be installed costing approx. £250. The Council unanimously approved the cost.
- The Council received an email from a member of the public with concerns regarding the data collection from the SIDs, Cllr B Mosely will respond to the email.
- Cllr R Buckler to program both SIDs to display the message to ‘Thank You’.

*Action: Cllr B Mosely to order poles and respond to emails from the members of the public. Cllr R Buckler to program both SIDs to display the message to ‘Thank You’.*

**4107 DEFIBRILLATOR POWER SUPPLY – UPDATE**

- The power supply will be fully operational by Friday 13th October 2023.
- Ashill parish council recently provided the local community with a defibrillator training event, Cllr Barry Mosely to make enquiries with Ashill to find out the details of the training provider so Horton can look to put on a similar event.

*Action: Cllr Barry Mosely to make enquiries with Ashill parish council.*

**4108 MAINTENANCE AROUND THE VILLAGE – UPDATE**

- Cllrs Robert Hutchinson and Andy Johnson to take the lead on the required maintenance on Hanning Road. Cllr Hutchinson notes that the hedgerows associated with Shave Farm fields have been cut and cut back to the footpath.
- Twice yearly maintenance is required to keep the overgrowth back from the footpath.
- Parish Council to look into purchasing strimmers/leaf blowers to enable Cllrs to undertake the work.
- Cllrs Hutchinson and Peter Babbington are to start discussions in November regarding continuing maintenance works.

**4109 LOCAL COMMUNITY NETWORK – UPDATE** Refer to **Appendix 3**.

**4110 DBS CHECKS – UPDATE** All Cllrs except Cllr Robert Hutchinson have now received the results of the DBS checks. Cllrs Robert Hutchinson is still pending and requires further action.

**4111 20MPH SPEED LIMIT THROUGHOUT VILLAGE** Cllr Barry Mosley requested a discussion on a proposed speed limit throughout the village of 20mph. It was considered and concluded that unless the parish council receives support either from the police or formal speed enforcement equipment a change to a 20mph speed limit is pointless. It was also considered that a 20mph speed limit on Hanning Road/Broadway Hill would be inappropriate however all over roads throughout the village would be suitable, if this is to be considered further it was agreed that a consultation would be undertaken with the parishioners. Cllr B Mosley informed the Council that Creech St Michael recently implemented a 20mph speed limit throughout the village and speeding fines have been issued.

*Action: Cllr Ray Buckler to make enquiries with Creech St Michael parish council.*

**4112 FINANCE**

- 14.1 To Approve Financial Statement 2023/24 - Unanimously Approved.
- 14.2 Banking Arrangements – Update – Cllr Barry Mosley has completed the signatory process. Cllr Robert Hutchinson is still outstanding.
- 14.3 To Note – Cheques Issued Under The Scheme of Delegation
- 14.3.1 Newitts – Youth Club Equipment – Noted - Cheque No. 000869 - £66.90.  
Cheques approved and issued during the October meeting  
St Peters Church – Grant – Cheque No. 000870 – £440.00.  
London Hearts Defibrillator for Village Hall - Cheque No. 000871 - £1,211.00.

**4113 CLERK'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

- Chapter 8 Training Course Offer – Not this time but enquire regarding future dates.

**4114 ANY OTHER URGENT MATTERS RAISED WITH THE PERMISSION OF THE CHAIRPERSON** None.

**4114 DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 2023 commencing at 6.30pm. Cllr Peter Babbington unable to attend.

*Meeting closed: 21.00*

**APPENDIX 1 – CREATING PLACES FOR PEOPLE CONSULTATION**

# Creating Places for People

Public Consultation – 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023 to 16<sup>th</sup> October 2023

## We want to hear from you!

Residents and businesses in Somerset are being urged to help shape the future of their county and have their say on how best to create places that put people at the heart of their design.

Somerset Council is launching a public consultation to seek opinions on a set of outline "principles" that are designed to steer new development in Somerset. These should guide developers towards creating attractive and high-quality environments, but also inclusive and accessible places for all, regardless of age, gender, mobility, or background, where people enjoy living.

This document is designed to provide further detail and information for those who wish to know more, in support of the consultation and survey.



## What's the problem?

Good street design is integral to creating high quality places. However, too often new developments in Somerset are failing to achieve this.

Developers have traditionally been required to design their schemes based on a system which predicts future transport movements based on past trends. This has led to an over-emphasis on ensuring the local road network and site accesses are built or upgraded to have sufficient capacity to accommodate the predicted increase in car use. Developers have been asked to consider other sustainable travel modes within their designs, and in some cases contributed towards off-site improvements. However, this has always been alongside, and often second to ensuring car-based capacity is delivered. Application of highways guidance has further contributed to this in the design of internal estate roads, which have often prioritised vehicular movements over pedestrians and the creation of great places with enhanced environments.

**APPENDIX 2 – PLAYING FIELD UPDATE**

**Playing Field report 05/10/23**

Observations:

GB Sports have been given go ahead to fix the outstanding issues on the park. They sent the replacement panel to fit onto the slide instead of the small “balcony” with the rotted floor. This was actioned on 3<sup>rd</sup> October, by Peter B and me. We also removed the green mould and dirt from the remaining panels.

The main work still outstanding is to repair the infant swing base which was not part of the recent upgrade and installations. I have not yet been given a working date by GB sports to complete this work.

General:

Maintenance of grass and borders up to date.

I still have some concerns about the oak tree near the infant section again, re last report: *Some big branches/limbs have dropped and now in reach of people within the park. As previously, we can take on the work, if we advise the owners.* The owners have been away, plus I have not had a response from the company that did the last tree work on the oak. I will follow up in October.

Collection of bins still intermittent – Looks like it’s on every three weeks “black Bin” calendar, so should be taken next Wednesday.

I have been given the plastic caps to cover the exposed nuts on the donut swing... not installed yet as I do not think they will stay on long.

RTB 04/10

**APPENDIX 3 – LCN MEETING UPDATE**

LCN meeting 21<sup>st</sup> September ... report 05/10/23

I attended the LCN ay Crewkerne on the 21<sup>st</sup> Sept.

I had also just become aware of the “making Spaces for People “consultation that was tucked away on the Somerset Council website which was running from 12<sup>th</sup> Sept until 17<sup>th</sup> October.

After reading the associated consultation document, I noted that the LCN’s were listed as stakeholders to this consultation. I was bemused that the Agenda for the LCN meeting didn’t mention this or had it listed as an item to discuss.

On arrival at the meeting venue, I spoke to Mike Best the Chair of our LCN, prior to the meeting starting. It was clear he knew nothing about the initiative, nor the fact it was mid consultation, even though LCN’s were supposed to be part of it. I was offered the chance to bring this up at the beginning of the meeting as a “Public question” - the lead officers answer was “As not all the LCN’s would be meeting during the month of the consultation period, it was decided to not add it to any LCN agenda.

I also brought up the issue of prescribed commitment to certain aspects of running the LCN’s – such as the use of Microsoft Teams for the Video inclusion to the meeting: it is not the most efficient Video system for this form of meeting, not everyone uses it and is unsure of how it operates and contrary to the assertion made by the council officer that no other systems were being used, I confirmed that Zoom was approved and in use from 2020 – SSDC used Zoom for full council meetings ...etc.

The main subjects on the agenda related to Roads as part of the roads team from Somerset were attending. The usual subjects arose:

- Lack of cross agency communications on road repairs
- No enforcement of listed road closures – dates and finish times and overruns
- Clearance of verges and overgrowth
- Delayed response to blocked and flooding drains.

The team from roads were useful and helpful at the meeting, plus have taken on some of the ideas mentioned during the meeting.

The Next LCN is due on 15<sup>th</sup> November.

I will be chasing up a number of outstanding points from the previous and initial meeting, such as a number of queries on the LCN operational handbook, clarity on LCN authority, especially getting answers to questions raised by the Parish Chairs at the meeting.

RTB 03/10/23