

A MEETING OF THE HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Held on	Tuesday 6 August 2024 at 3.30pm Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.
Members Summoned and Present:	Cllrs Simon Carswell (Chairman), Peter Goater, Jean Howard, Nina Swift (Vice-Chairman)
Apologies:	Cllrs Pam Birch, Terry Napper and Laura Wolfers
Officers Present:	Zoe Leach, Deputy Clerk/RFO
In attendance:	Three residents and Somerset Councillor Liz Leyshon

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public question time

Parishioners were invited to make representations to the Highways Committee on any matters relating to the work of the Highways Committee or to raise any issues of concern. Please note that the Committee is unable to make formal decisions under this item.

A resident spoke in support of improving the active travel route between Street and Glastonbury.

A resident spoke with regards to a technical issue with the Somerset Council online parking permit request web page which incorrectly lists the High Street. The resident is concerned that this could lead to parking permits being awarded in error.

A resident spoke with regards to speeding and parking concerns at the bottom of Ivythorn Road going into Overleigh.

Somerset Councillor Report

A short verbal report was invited from Somerset Councillor Liz Leyshon, regarding matters affecting Street and the wider local community.

Cllr Liz Leyshon (Deputy Leader of Somerset Council and Lead Member for Resources and Performance) provided an update. This included:

- A possible delay to the Mendip Order
- Dropped kerbs opposite Holy Trinity Church
- Parking possibilities in and around Southside Car Park

The meeting commenced at 3.55pm

MINUTES

- 24/25HC.017 Apologies for absence
Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Birch, Napper and Wolfers.
Apologies were noted. LGA 1972 s85(1).
- 24/25HC.018 Declaration of interests and grant of dispensations
Councillors were reminded of their duty to declare any interests in the business to be transacted.
No interests were declared.
- 24/25HC.019 Confirmation of minutes
RESOLVED – The minutes of the Highways Committee meeting held on 20th June 2024 were approved for signing as a true record of the decisions taken.
- 24/25HC.020 Reports
Deputy Clerk's Report:
The Deputy Clerk updated Members on activities since the last meeting including Community Speedwatch - volunteers and training, community payback – tasks completed and extension to the 20mph zone – next steps.
- 24/25HC.021 Correspondence
i. RESOLVED - To forward the request for zebra crossings at Farm Road and the High Street to Somerset Council. *Officer to respond to the resident and outline the challenging financial position of Somerset Council.*
ii. RESOLVED – once traffic data is available for Vestry Road the Highways Committee will review and consider whether to recommend that Street Parish Council funds a weight limit Traffic Regulation order for Vestry Road at a quoted cost of approximately £5,000 to £6,000.
- 24/25HC.022 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Market Signage
RESOLVED: Deferred. Bring back for consideration once further information on markets is available.
- 24/25HC.023 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Digital Display Board
RESOLVED: To defer to the Culture and Events Committee for consideration.
- 24/25HC.024 Motion Request – Cllr Swift: Kidical Mass Cycling
RESOLVED: To defer to the Culture and Events Committee for consideration.
- 24/25HC.025 Speed Indication Devices (SIDs)
RESOLVED TO RECOMMEND:
i. that the Council accept the GA Doble quotation for supply and installation of SID posts at the locations previously agreed by Somerset Council at a cost of £1895.75 plus VAT subject to seeking clarification on S171 requirements.
ii. that the existing three Westcotec SIDs are serviced at a cost of £85 plus VAT each plus a return carriage price of £55.
- 24/25HC.026 Drop Kerbs and Disability Access
RESOLVED: that the Disability Access Task and Finish Group are asked to:
a) primarily focus their investigation on the High Street
b) consider access to both shop premises and pavements – where is it possible to get safely on to the High Street and to cross the road.

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- c) Consult with people with mobility issues to ascertain the issues and identify any small improvements that would improve access.

24/25HC.027 Items to raise for consideration at the next meeting.

- i. Items scheduled:
- Extension of 20mph zone.
 - Bus Partnership update- Cllr Howard.
- ii. Other Proposals raised at the Highways Committee meeting:
- Parking Indicator – Farm Road.

24/25HC.028 Date of Next Meeting

The next Highways Committee meeting will take place at:

3.30pm on Tuesday 1 October 2024 at Room 6, Crispin Community Centre, Leigh Road, Street.

There being no further business, the meeting was closed at 4.50pm.

These minutes were adopted on 1 October 2024 under minute reference 24/25HC.031 as a true record of the decisions taken and are duly signed below by the chair of that meeting.

Signed: _____