

IVYBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee held in the Town Hall on Monday 13 March 2023 at 6.03pm

Present: Cllr L Budd (Chair), Cllr A Spencer, Cllr T Munro and
Cllr J Brown

In attendance: Julie Gilbert (Assistant Town Clerk)

The public participation session took place from 6.03pm to 6.07pm

PL22/066 **APOLOGIES:** Apologies were received from Cllr A Rea.

PL22/067 **INTERESTS TO BE DECLARED:** No interests were declared.

PL22/068 **MINUTES:** The Minutes of the Planning & Infrastructure Committee meetings held on 20 February 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and were duly signed.

PL22/069 **HEDGE AND TREE MATTERS:** The following application for tree works was considered:

0665/23/TPO T424: Beech - lateral crown reduction on N side by 1-1.5m to increase clearance and reduce leaf litter, T426 & T427: Lime - remove epicormic growth on N side base to give clearance, lateral crown reduction on all sides by 1-1.5m and crown height reduction by 1.5-2m to reduce encroachment on neighbour garden and increase light to garden – The Groves, Crescent Road, Ivybridge, Devon, PL21 0SY.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/230665>

1. T424 Refusal due to the present clearance being considered adequate and the seasonal fall of debris will occur from adjacent trees and is a maintenance issue only that is not of sufficient weight to allow the pruning of visually prominent trees.
2. T426 & 427 - Approval for the removal of the basal epicormic growth only to the height of crown break.

PL22/070 **SWIFT BRICKS AND HEDGEHOG PASSES:** Members considered the call for inclusion of swift bricks and hedgehog passes in new developments and extensions

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/about-swifts/swift-bricks.pdf>. Item at the request of Cllr Lannin.

Members acknowledged that South Hams and Plymouth SPD 27.65 addresses measures for biodiversity net gain, and Defra's Biodiversity Metric will be introduced around November 2023. If an ecological survey is not triggered wildlife enhancements are encouraged in minor developments and biodiversity net gain applied where appropriate.

The Planning Committee were also keen to highlight in particular the swift bird bricks <https://www.rspb.org.uk/globalassets/downloads/about-swifts/swift-bricks.pdf> and hedgehog highway passages, and it was **RESOLVED** to write to South Hams Development Management to encourage use of these and ensure these endangered species are protected and promoted in the built environment.

PL22/071 **PLANNING:** The following planning application was considered:

0310/23/HHO Householder application for two-storey extension over garage (resubmission of 4145/22/HHO) – 29 Gorse Way, Ivybridge, PL21 0GA.

<https://apps.southhams.gov.uk/PlanningSearchMVC/Home/Details/230310>

SUPPORT

The meeting closed at 6.18pm

Signed:

Date: 3 April 2023

Public Participation 6.03pm to 6.07pm

The Planning Committee discussed a suspected planning breach brought to their attention by a concerned resident to one of the Members. They agreed that the resident should contact South Hams District Council Planning Enforcement directly. This can be reported to Planning Enforcement online <https://southhams.gov.uk/article/3088/Planning-Breach> in order for them to investigate the complaint.

It was agreed that it is more appropriate for the resident to report this directly as they will have the information/evidence. South Hams advise that all complaints made are kept confidential, their name will not be disclosed without their knowledge and agreement, unless they are legally required to do so.