

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held at the George Reynolds Centre on Monday 14 February 2022 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Cottle, (Chair), M. Best, K. Head, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roundell Greene, A. Samuel and A. Stuart.

In attendance: Town Clerk, K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk, L Gowers and two members of the public.

OPEN FORUM

A member of the public spoke regarding the pedestrian crossing on East Street. They considered that the crossing was unsafe as drivers often did not stop. It was requested that the Town Council audit all three crossings in the town (including South Street and Hermitage Street crossings) as the visibility of all were poor and were all on routes that would be used by children to go to school. It was suggested that 20mph flashing lights were installed on crossings that children used as well as on roads outside the schools.

96 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE 21/22

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. B. Hodgson (unwell), T. Bond (personal), J Roberts (unwell) and D Wakeman (personal).

97 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST 21/22

Cllr. Stuart declared a personal interest in Agenda item 7, East Street Pedestrian Crossing.

98 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING 21/22

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 10 January 2022 be APPROVED.

99 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT 21/22

The Clerk reported that:

1. There had been a significant quantity of correspondence on similar issues over the weekend. The office staff would respond, but it may not be immediate as office staff time was limited.
2. Taylor Wimpey had offered dates of Friday 25th and Saturday 26th March for the public meetings regarding the key site in Crewkerne. Times and venues would be confirmed.
3. A provisional date of 4th April had been given for the bollards to be removed at the junction of South Street and Market Street. This was following an agreement with BT regarding the removal of their inspection cover which was within the refuge.
4. The road at Poples Well would be closed on 28th February for 5 days to enable Wessex Water to carry out works to replace a lead pipe.

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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/00242/P3MA The Workshops Old Mill Lane Crewkerne TA18 7DX

Prior approval for proposed Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service (Use Class E) to dwellinghouses (Use Class C3), 2 No. two bedroom dwellings.

Councillors expressed disappointment that a commercial premises would be lost within the town and Councillors asked if it had been marketed fully in that capacity.

21/03809/HOU Beechfields Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH

Installation of 2 Daikin Air Source Heat Pumps.

Recommend Approval

21/03789/HOU 40 Henley View Crewkerne TA18 8JD

Erection of single storey rear extension with side entrance and ramped access to pavement.

Recommend Approval

Noted

21/03801/HOU High Acres 48 Barn Close Crewkerne TA18 8BN

Erection of a single storey extension to side of property

The request for comments for this planning application was sent via email as the deadline fell between Town Council meetings.

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

The following planning decision notices was noted.

21/03587/TCA 1 The Lawns 52 West Street Crewkerne TA18 8BA

Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

Work to be carried out. No TPO necessary

21/03586/TCA 1 Gouldsbarton Crewkerne TA18 7HT

Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

Work to be carried out. No TPO necessary

21/03567/TPO 5 Bramley Close Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7DL

Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 1) 1988 Tree Preservation Order.

Application Permitted

21/03287/LBC Galvanis 11 Church Street Crewkerne TA18 7HU

Internal and external alterations to enable the change of use to residential use

Application Permitted with Conditions

21/03651/LBC Lloyds Bank Plc 37 Market Square Crewkerne TA18 7LR

Removal of external signage and an external ATM

Application Permitted with Conditions

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EAST STREET PEDESTRIAN CROSSING

Correspondence had been received regarding the poor visibility of the pedestrian crossing on East Street. The Chairman noted that the Town Council did not have jurisdiction for the crossing or other highways matters, however, Councillors took the situation seriously and agreed that it was vitally important to have safe crossings throughout the town, particularly on school routes.

Following discussion regarding all three pedestrian crossings in the town and possible safety measures it was **AGREED to:**

- a. Contact the portfolio holder for Highways at Somerset County Council to alert them of the issues with the crossings and the lack of response from Highways.**
- b. Lead a campaign for safer crossings in the town.**
- c. Create a policy to lead on general road safety issues and create a matrix of actions which would show issues and resolutions, either being led by CTC or community groups.**

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TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr. Samuel reported that:

1. St. Bartholomew's School use the bottom of Kithill and cross along South Street to walk to the swimming pool each week, as this was risk assessed to be a flatter route for the children who were wheelchair users. The school volunteers were concerned as the dropped curb outside number 203 was blocked by vehicles, causing difficulties when crossing the road.
2. There was a continuing problem with owners of dogs either not picking up in Happy Valley, near the school, or picking up and throwing the bags into the school grounds. More signage requesting dog owners to pick up and dispose of dog waste was required.

Cllr. Best reported that:

1. Highways had confirmed that the estate roads within the Stonewater development on North Street would not be adopted. The work on the junction of the estate and North Street should begin mid-March and it was confirmed that the junction would be adopted by Highways.
2. An email had been received from a resident on North Street regarding the junction of Brickyard Lane and North Street. It was requested that a convex mirror opposite Brickyard Lane be replaced. Cllr. Best confirmed that the installation was not made by Highways, who would not approve such an installation. The mirror would have been installed by the owners of the property, which had since changed hands. Cllr. Best noted that the only way to ensure that North Street was safe for pedestrians and drivers, was to make it one-way. As the one-way system was linked to the key site, and work had begun there, Cllr. Best considered that Highways could be requested to push the forward the one way system in North Street, including the traffic light junction at Ashlands Road.
3. A question had been asked regarding withdrawal of the funding of the East Street Car Park by South Somerset District Council. Cllr. Best confirmed that the funding remained in the budget.

Cllr. Cottle noted that correspondence received by him over a weekend period would not be responded to until the following week.

Cllr. Head reported that she had received an email requesting an update on the pavement survey that she was undertaking with Crewkerne Action for the Disabled. It was noted that

the survey had been delayed due to the pandemic. Cllr. Head would bring a report to a future Council meeting.

Cllr. Pailthorpe apologised to members of the public watching the meeting via YouTube as the microphone had been on mute for most of the meeting.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 March 2022 at 6.45 p.m

The meeting closed at 7.38p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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