

## CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

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

### PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Cottle, (Chair), M. Best, K. Head, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roberts, A. Samuel and D Wakeman

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

### OPEN FORUM

Nobody wished to speak.

### 105 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21/22

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. T. Bond (personal), J. Roundell Greene, (personal) and A. Stuart. (personal).

### 106 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

21/22

None

### 107 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 14 February 2022 be APPROVED.

### 108 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

21/22

The Deputy Clerk reported that a temporary road closure would be in place for Market Street and South Street from 4<sup>th</sup> April for 4 nights (between 6.30pm – 6am) to enable the Somerset County Council Small Improvement Scheme to carry out planning, resurfacing and road marking works.

### 109 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

21/22

**22/00387/DOC1** Holly Tree Farm Longstrings Lane Crewkerne TA18 7EA  
Discharge of Conditions No. 5 (landscaping) and 14 (groundworks) of Planning Application.

**Recommend Approval.**

**22/00244/ADV** Kingfisher House And Cornhill House Market Square Crewkerne TA18 7LG

Display of 3 flags from existing flag pole brackets, one that is centrally located on Cornhill House and two that are located on two of the walls of Kingfisher House.

**Recommend Approval to fly appropriate flags.**

The following applications were noted:

**22/00573/TCA** Land Beside Brickyard Lane Brickyard Lane Crewkerne TA18 7BA  
Notification of intent for Ground Level Surgery on Various Trees within a Conservation Area.

New Tree Preservation order for trees and groups of trees on land at the top of KitHill.

**110** **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT**  
**21/22** **COUNCIL**

The following planning decision notices was noted.

**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.  
Approved

**21/03801/HOU** **High Acres 48 Barn Close Crewkerne TA18 8BN**  
Erection of a single storey extension to side of property  
Approved

**21/00049/FUL** **The Workshops Old Mill Lane Crewkerne**  
Conversion of premises to 2 dwellings  
Application Withdrawn

**111** **TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT**  
**21/22**

The Chairman provided an update on the status of the various ongoing Planning and Highways-related activities. Points of discussion were as follows:

Faded road markings around the town – Work had begun to refurbish lines in the town. South Street and Market Street would be refurbished once the work to remove the bollards had been completed.

Dog Fouling – Cllr. Samuel had visited 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Crewkerne Brownie groups, and they had created posters, which were currently displayed in the window of the Local Information Centre. Once the display had been removed, the posters would be turned into anti dog fouling signs that would be used around the town. The Town Council “chocolate hands” poster had been replaced around the town and residents had reported an improvement in owners picking up after their dogs in those areas.

Pavement Survey – This had been a challenge with the restrictions due to the pandemic and availability of vulnerable people to accompany Cllr. Head around the town. Cllr. Head reported that the project was ongoing.

Vegetation impinging on North Street – Following correspondence to the Portfolio holder for Highways at County Council, the vegetation had been cut back. However, Councillors had considered that it had not been cut back enough and requested that another email be sent requesting further work, which had been done but no response received.

Wall adjacent to Gouldsbrook Terrace crumbling leaving debris on the pavement – A letter had been sent to the owner of the land behind the wall. A response had been received claiming the wall was not within their ownership. The matter had been referred to Highways although Councillors requested that it stay on the Action Status Report until resolved.

Pedestrian Crossings – Lines on the East Street crossing had been repainted and correspondence had been received from the Highways Engineer regarding the lights. This would be covered in the following agenda item.

112 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM SCC TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**  
21/22 **REGARDING THE EAST STREET AND SOUTH STREET PEDESTRIAN**  
**CROSSINGS.**

Following the concerns regarding the safety of the crossings in the town, particularly the East Street crossing, an email had been sent to Highways requesting urgent inspections. Correspondence had been received from the Traffic Engineer confirming that the refurbishment of the lines for the crossings were part of a current road markings maintenance programme currently underway in the town.

A Street Lighting engineer had confirmed that the LED and tungsten units on the South Street crossing were fully operational. The current Tungsten belisha beacon would be replaced once the existing unit had expired its maintenance life.

The Traffic Engineer undertook a full inspection of the highway on East Street, which included this crossing, up to Ashlands Road in June 2021. This was following contact from the Wadham School Headteacher, who stated that students had been instructed to no longer use Clammer Hill Lane. As a result of those inspection, several minor improvements were introduced. These included additional 30 roundels and SLOW road markings and the introduction of new Children/School warning signage. The Street Lighting Engineer reported that this site comprised of two LED units which were installed in October 2020. The engineer had confirmed that the units were fully operational.

Cllr. Best noted that the Town Council could request an upgrade of the crossings, but Highways would expect the Town Council to finance this. An upgrade could also be requested via the Small Improvement Scheme if the scheme continued with the new Unitary Authority. The Deputy Clerk was requested to continue to report issues with the crossings to Highways.

113 **TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

21/22

Cllr. Samuel reported that the lights outside Ashlands School were continually flashing 20mph. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that this had been reported to the Traffic Management team within Highways.

114 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

21/22

Monday 11 April 2022 at 6.45 p.m

The meeting closed at 7.18p.m.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....

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