

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, The Town Hall on Monday 23 May 2022 at 6.45 p.m.

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs. P. Maxwell, (Chair), S. Ashton, M. Best, N. Draycott, K. Head, J Morris, A. Samuel and A. Stuart.

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

**OPEN FORUM**

The owner of the land on Brickyard Lane, which was the subject of planning application 22/00573/TCA wished to speak. She was aware that the previous owner of the land had bulldozed the area and she wanted to reassure all present that her aim was to bring biodiversity back to the land. The intention would be to build a family home there but to do so sensitively. The land management works would include re-introduction of natural hedging, coppicing and pollarding trees on the site and increasing an orchard on site.

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**TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. T. Bond, D. Livesley, J. Nathan and D. Wakeman.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Samuel declared a personal interest in Agenda Item 8, speeding vehicles on Broadshard.

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**TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 11 April 2022 be **APPROVED**.

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**TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**

The Deputy Clerk reported:

- It was hoped that the roadworks at Hazelbury Plucknett would be completed by the end of July. There had been various challenges including uncharted services (BT and Wessex Water) on the site and hard ground which resulted in larger equipment being required. To enable the road to remain open to traffic, a Convoy Control was being used, but as the masonry work on the wall progressed, it was hoped that this could be dispensed with.
- There had been badger activity once again on the footpath next to St Bartholomew's School at Happy Valley, which had resulted in a large hole next to the fence. Highways had been notified and had confirmed that a barrier would be put up and potentially the path would be closed. Any work around or near the sett would require licences, which would be applied for if necessary.

005 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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**22/01114/HOU                      54 West Street, Crewkerne. TA18 8BA**

Erection of a two-storey extension to replace the conservatory.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

**22/01026/FUL                      40 Henley View, Crewkerne. TA18 8JD**

Change of use of amenity land to residential curtilage to facilitate the installation of an access ramp and the erection of a single storey rear extension.

**NO OBJECTIONS**

006 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT**  
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The following planning decision notices were noted.

**22/00825/HOU                      105 Park View Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8JG**

Erection of single storey side extension to dwelling.

**Withdrawn**

**22/00983/FUL                      The Workshops Old Mill Lane Crewkerne Somerset**

New window on 1st Floor North Elevation, larger window on 1st Floor South Elevation and provision of a bin store facility.

**Approved**

**22/01004/TCA                      Bincombe Allotments Bincombe Lane Crewkerne TA18 7BH**

Notification of intent to fell No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.

**Decision – No TPO Necessary**

**22/01005/TCA                      Townsend Cemetery Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH**

Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.

**Decision – No TPO Necessary**

**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.

**Decision – No TPO Necessary**

007 **TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT**

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

- Millers Garage – There were developments and CTC was expecting a full update from SSDC imminently.
- Old Nat West Building – SSDC's Conservation Officer had not offered an update, but Cllr. Head confirmed that the owners of the building had met English Heritage on site recently.

- Pavement Survey – As Crewkerne Action for the Disabled had dissolved, Space4Crewkerne were asked if they would be prepared to survey pavements alongside Cllr. Head. A representative of Space4Crewkerne was present in the meeting and confirmed that they would be happy to do so and requested a copy of the pavement survey that ABCD had undertaken as a starting point.
- Vegetation, North Street – Although the vegetation had been cut back, it was considered that it wasn't enough. The portfolio holder had been contacted again but hedge cutting would not now take place again until September/October due to bird nesting season. Cllr. Ashton pointed out that a safety issue was more important than nesting birds and it was agreed that the portfolio holder should be contacted once again. This would be a different person due to the change of political party controlling Somerset County Council following the elections.
- Pedestrian Crossings – the reflective strip on the post of the belisha beacon on Hermitage Street had been replaced.

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**BROADSHARD: TO CONSIDER OPTIONS IN RELATION TO SPEEDING VEHICLES.**

Councillors agreed that the Town Council should do its best to find a solution for the residents of Broadshard. As the first location for the SID (speed indicator device) was not suitable, a second suitable location should be investigated. Cllr. Best suggested that a safety audit should be requested for the whole road, from Merriott to the A356.

Following discussion, it was **AGREED to contact the new portfolio holder to arrange a site meeting along with one or two Highways officers to understand the issues in Broadshard**, but also in other areas of the town.

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**TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

Cllr. Ashton reported that West Coker High Street would be closed overnight on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May for emergency works on the water mains.

Cllr. Best confirmed that the junction of the new development and North Street was now complete. There would be a safety audit of the wide pavement, as vehicles were parking on it. The road within the estate would be unadopted and Councillors were concerned that it would be dangerous in icy weather due to the slope and considered that the developer should install grit bins.

Cllr. Best also reminded Councillors that Highways had agreed to repair the pavement on North Street between Ashlands School and the Dentist once the new junction had been finished. It was confirmed that the works should take place in this financial year.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13 June 2022 at 6.45 p.m

The meeting closed at 7.26p.m.

**Signed: .....**

**Dated: .....**

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