

Councillors are summoned and members of the public and press are invited, to attend a meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee of Crewkerne Town Council to be held on Monday 13 March 2023 in Victoria Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne at 18.45.

Note:

Members of the public who wish to view the meeting proceedings, either in real time or afterwards, can access the meeting through the following link:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>

K Sheehan, Town Clerk (signed on original)

Tuesday 7 March 2023

Agenda

Open Forum: Questions may be put to the Committee in person during this Public Participation Session of up to 15 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes per person. Issues received by the Clerk a minimum of 3 working days before the meeting (i.e., by 5pm on the preceding Wednesday) will receive a response during this session. Issues raised in this session without prior notice may be referred to the Clerk to respond to within 10 working days or listed on a subsequent agenda.

1. To note apologies for absence.
2. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda.
(NB this does not preclude later declarations).
3. To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting on Monday 13th February 2023.
4. To receive the Clerk's update report.
5. To consider Planning Applications as per the list available on website or via Town Council office. Please note that the Town Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications and as such does not make decisions on any application. Any recommendations and comments this Committee make will be fed into the planning process. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the decision notices on all applications.
6. To receive planning decision notices from District Council.
7. To receive the updated Action Status Report.
8. Pithers Court: to consider making a formal request to Somerset Council Highways for a box junction at the entrance to Pithers Court on North Street.
9. Neighbourhood Plan: to receive a verbal update.
10. Date of next meeting: Monday 24 April 2023, 18.45, Council Chamber.

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL
Planning and Highways Committee Meeting
Monday 13 March 2023

Item 5 – New Applications – South Somerset District Council

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| 23/00485/HOU | 9 Parkland Walk Crewkerne TA18 8HR
Erection of an extension, alterations and conversion of existing loft space with insertion of dormer window and roof lights. |
| 23/00006/REM | Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE
Approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for 110 dwellings and associated development following outline approval of 05/00661/OUT (Comprehensive mixed use development for 525 dwellings, employment (B1, B2, B8) primary school, community facilities, playing fields, parkland, P.O.S. structural landscaping and associated infrastructure including link road and highway improvements) as amended by 19/03482/S73 and 21/03005/S73. |
| 23/00007/REM | Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE
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Item 6 - To receive planning decision notices from South Somerset District Council

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| 22/03181/FUL | Lawrence Fine Art Auctioneers South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AB
Erection of an entrance canopy. |
| APPROVED. | |
| 22/00654/REM | Holly Tree Farm Longstrings Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7EA
Reserved Matters application for approval of appearance, layout and scale of approval 19/02921/OUT the erection of 2 dwellings. |
| REFUSED. | |

	Subject	Action	Status	Responsibility	Status
Jul-20	Millers Garage	To keep on matrix with regular updates	To keep on matrix with regular updates.	Clerk/Deputy Clerk	Ongoing
Nov-20	Ongoing issues with Many gullies in the town	Deputy Clerk is putting together a spreadsheet of problems.	Nov 22: Ongoing contact with Highways. Budget spent, however clearance can be organised for urgent jobs.	Deputy Clerk/Highways	Ongoing
Dec-20	Dog Fouling	Locations of 2 extra dog bins to be agreed. Poster campaign to be developed. Cllrs Wakeman & Roberts to design a poster with consultation with Deputy Clerk	Oct 22: Signs created from brownie posters and brownies have put them up.	Large capacity bin for Ashlands road agreed with SSDC. CTC to fund.	Ongoing
Dec-20	Diversion of Henley footpath railway crossing proposed by Network Rail and associated with the planning approval for a development on land at the top of Kithill.	Following a presentation from Network Rail, it was agreed to organise a site meeting to allow NR representatives to understand the Town Council's concerns.	Sept 22: Contact made with SSDC Planning regarding this pre condition and request for update.	Network Rail/SCC Footpaths officer. NMA refused Jan 23.	Ongoing
Feb-21	The condition of the NatWest building following the fire which has damaged the building.	SSDC has made the building safe. There are concerns that it will not be made watertight or restored by the owners.	Town Council to stay in contact with the SSDC conservation officers.	Deputy Clerk	Ongoing
Feb-21	Pavement Survey	Cllr. Kathy Head to work with Crewkerne Action for the Disabled to organise a survey of the town's pavements	June 22. Agreement that Space4Crewkerne will co-ordinate the pavement survey with Kathy Head.	Kathy Head/Space4Crewkerne	Ongoing
Mar-21	Vegetation impinging on North Street.	Vegetation hanging into the road causing traffic to move across the white line into oncoming traffic.	Dec 22. Highways have confirmed lines will be refurbished in the programme commencing April 2023.	Clerk/Deputy Clerk	Ongoing
Aug-21	Wall adjacent to Gouldsbrook Terrace crumbled leaving debris on the pavement.	The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of the wall and send a letter to the owner to request that the wall was made safe	Feb 23: Highways confirm they have had difficulty communicating with landowner about the repairs needed.	Highways	Highways. To be left on until resolved.
Sept21	Pedestrian crossings. Concerns regarding the speed of traffic and visibility of crossings. Faded	The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that the crossing was repainted and different	July 22: The reflective cover has been replaced.	Deputy Clerk	Complete. Leave on as councillors

	road markings and lights on the bollards dim in day light	lights installed, including lights on the column of the bollards.			wish to keep pedestrian crossings on radar.
Feb 22	Cars and tractors speeding around Gouldsbrook Terrace to Church Street.	Deputy Clerk to contact Highways to request a solution.	Nov 22. CTC to contact Highways re building out of the pavement to ensure pedestrian safety whilst crossing. This would slow traffic. No Small Improvement Schemes at present – to add to next Highways visit	Deputy Clerk/P&H Chair	Ongoing
Apr 22	Speeding issues in Broadshard	Many complaints re speed of traffic from Merriott into Broadshard.	SID pole installed.		Ongoing
Aug 22	Vehicles speeding in West St.	Ask Highways to consider moving the parked cars to the other side of the road creating a chicane to slow the traffic.	Data from radar monitoring carried out in January 2023 shows average speed along West Street to be 20.6mph.	On agenda.	Complete
Aug 22	Dangerous Pavements on West Street. Uneven paving slabs and raised ironworks have caused falls.	These have been reported. Contractors have worked on part of the pavement but potentially made it worse.	Nov 22. Highways Officer to inspect.	Deputy Clerk	Ongoing
Oct 22	Diseased tree on Market Street	Agreed to replace it but queried £300 licence fee	Town Clerk has submitted planting proposal to Highways but not yet received confirmation.	Town Clerk	Ongoing
Dec 22	Faded road markings – zebra crossing outside Waitrose/Library also junction of Wynnstay with North Street.	Responsibility – SSDC? Responsibility – Private ownership?	Town Clerk to make enquiries	Town Clerk	Ongoing
Jan 23	Broken pavement outside George Hotel. Unsightly patch repair.	Raised with SCC Highways who are organising a meeting with Conservation Officer.	Awaiting report from SCC meeting	Deputy Clerk to chase	Ongoing
Feb 23	Sign at Broadshard fallen down	Emailed to Highways.	Fixed.		Complete
Feb 23	Poo bags at junction Ashlands Road and Broadshard	Reported to Locality Officer who will conduct patrols and erect signage.	Awaiting feedback from SSDC.	Deputy Clerk	Ongoing
Feb 23	Littering opposite Wadham	Reported to Locality Officer.	Potential site visit.	Deputy Clerk	Ongoing



SUPPORTING REPORTS TO PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 13 MARCH 2023

Agenda Item 8: To consider making a request to Somerset Council Highways for a box junction at Pithers Court/North Street entrance.

Supporting information:

The following correspondence has been received from residents of Pithers Court who have been advised by the County Council to ask the Town Council to consider making a formal request for a box junction at this location.

Dear Sir/Madam

I write on behalf of Pithers Court Number One Commonhold Association (and with the support of Associations number 2 & 3) thereby representing the view of all householders and residents.*

There are 5 houses and 12 (?) apartments in Pithers Court. There are 20 parking spaces associated with residences and there are regular visitors both commercial and private.

Entry to, and egress from, the development is by one narrow road leading onto North Street giving access to the town and the south and west in one direction, and The A303 in the other. North Street is a very busy road and traffic going north will often line up well into the town.

There are two yellow-painted box junctions between the egress from Pithers Court and the town centre designed, presumably, to give warning of the road narrowing significantly. Experience shows that these boxes are observed routinely.

A box junction at the entrance to Pithers Court would certainly allow easier egress for residents but, more particularly, would prevent long lines of traffic waiting behind drivers seeking to enter Pithers Court from the town and would, therefore, benefit all users of North Street at no great cost.

We would see the box being sited, as the other two, just on one side of the road.

I hope this might be given due consideration.

K Sheehan, Town Clerk, February 2023.