

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 February 2023 in Council Chambers, Town Hall, 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:

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K Sheehan, Town Clerk (signed on original)

Tuesday 7 February 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 9th January 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. To receive an update following the third Highways site visit to Crewkerne.
9. Court Barton: to note correspondence received regarding parking issues, drainage and potholes.
10. West Street speeding: to note the results of the recent speed monitoring operation on West Street.
11. Grit bins: to note requests received from residents for additional grit bins.
12. Neighbourhood Plan: to receive a verbal update.
13. Date of next meeting: Monday 13th March 2023, 18.45, Council Chamber.

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

Item 5 – New Applications – South Somerset District Council

- 23/00070/LBC &
23/00069/FUL** **Lloyds Bank Plc 37 Market Square Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7LR**
Internal alteration works and change of use from financial and professional services (Class E) to a funeral service establishment (sui generis).
- 23/00227/TCA** **Woodlands Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH**
Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.
- 23/00215/TPO** **2 Aspen Way Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7DG**
Application to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 4 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 1) 2007 Tree Preservation Order.
- 23/00128/TCA** **26C Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HY**
Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.

To note:

- 23/00054/TCA** **Townsend Cemetery Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH**
Notification of intent to Fell No. 10 Trees within a Conservation Area.
- 23/00053/TPO** **Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve Bincombe Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7BA**
Application to Fell No. 50 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 2) 1985 Tree Preservation Order.

Reserved Matters applications relating to the Key Site will be discussed at the March meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee.

Item 6 - To receive planning decision notices from South Somerset District Council

- 22/01908/REM** **Land South Of KitHill Crewkerne Somerset**
Reserved Matters Application (Phase 1) for the appearance, layout, landscaping, and scale pursuant to outline planning permission 18/01737/OUT for 89 homes, public open space and local equipped area of play (Allowed on Appeal).
REFUSED.
- 22/03256/TPO** **Land North Of A356 Station Road Crewkerne Somerset**
Application to Fell No. 2 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 2) 1993 Tree Preservation Order.
WITHDRAWN.
- 22/03471/NMA** **Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE**
Non Material Amendment to approved application 21/03005/S73 to amend the timing of submission of information required for the discharge of conditions 5, 6, 7 and 8.

APPROVED.

22/03501/NMA

Land South Of KitHill Crewkerne Somerset

Non Material Amendment to amend the wording of condition 19 (pedestrian railway crossing) of outline planning permission 18/01737/OUT for residential development of up to 150 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated works with access from Lang Road (amendment to change the condition trigger from commencement of development to occupation of development).

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.	Deputy Clerk/Councillors Town Clerk requested extra collections from Ashlands Road Nov 2022 – no response received. Chased Jan 23.	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 road markings and lights on the bollards dim in day light	The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact Highways to request that the crossing was repainted and different lights installed, including lights on the column of the bollards.	July 22: The reflective cover has been replaced.	Deputy Clerk	Complete. Leave on as councillors 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.	Ongoing
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

SUPPORTING REPORTS TO PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE – 13 FEBRUARY 2023

Agenda Item 8: To receive an update following the third Highways site visit.

Supporting information:

On 6 February 2023, Cllrs. Best, Bond and Ashton met with Somerset County Council Highways Officers to discuss various outstanding issues.

Issues:

Issue	Comment
Blanket 20mph limit through town centre.	Radar monitoring carried out in January 2023 has established mean traffic speeds for North Street as 20mph in the direction towards Broadshard and as 28mph in the direction towards the town centre. To impose a 20mph limit without associated street engineering (for example build outs, humps), the mean speeds must be below 24mph. The associated signage and TRO would cost the Town Council between £10-15k. However, as the mean speed of 28mph necessitates engineering, additional costs will be significant. Highways unaware of any funding for this currently.
Additional signage highlighting narrow pavements/pedestrians/school on North Street.	Warning signs have to be within certain distance of the hazard they depict. Highways would not support additional signs as the existing signage is within these distances.
Suggestion to signpost pedestrians through Abbey Street car park and down Rose Lane to avoid narrowest stretch of pavement	Highways would not support actively encouraging pedestrians through a car park. They are unable to do this as the car park does not form part of the highway. If the school wished to highlight the presence of this alternative walking route to school, they could do so.
Crossing patrol at North Street/Brickyard Lane	SCC are currently reviewing datasets regarding foot movements at this point on North Street to see if a crossing patrol can be provided. This review is expected to conclude end February/beginning of March and the Town Council will be updated then.
Low hanging vegetation obscuring sightlines for pedestrians crossing North Street at Brickyard Lane	Highways will run a check to establish ownership of this triangle in the first instance.
Court Barton – poor surfacing and drainage issues, commercial vehicle parking up against windows	No budget for jetting at present, Highways are aware. Are not able to intervene in parking issues as there is no restrictions or covenants to enforce.
Pavements outside George Hotel – cracked, uneven	Highways are in conversation with conservation team about whether the slabs could be replaced with tarmac and bollards put in to minimise HGV parking up on pavement – site meeting end Feb/early March to discuss further.

Thomson Drive – large pothole	Already on list for repair, anticipated to take place either w/c 6 Feb or w/c 13 Feb.
Gouldsbrook Terrace – crumbling wall	Dispute over ownership of the wall. Has been difficult to progress.
North Street – potholes near church	Logged and will be repaired but backlog of over 1200 potholes causing delays.
Orchard Rise/Furland Road junction – parked cars causing visibility issues	CTC to agree whether to request this be included in the next TRO consultation.



Agenda Item 10: To note the results of the recent radar speed monitoring operation on West Street (January 2023).

Supporting information from County Highways:

Data sets generated from the speed-reading device deployed on West Street, Crewkerne between 10/01/2023 – 16/01/2023:

For information the device was operational 24 hours a day with speed and volume analysis collected within the 30mph restriction. The radar was located near the junction of Lyewater on West Street, Crewkerne.

Data analysis table:

Radar recording data direction;	Volume (Average 7 day)	Mean Speed (mph)	85 th percentile (mph)
West	5177.4	20.6	26.0

With the mean speed recorded at 20.6 mph and the 85th percentile recorded at 26.0 mph, indicates the 30mph speed limit is appropriate with adequate traffic management measures in place.



Agenda Item 11: Grit Bins – to note requests received from residents for additional grit bins.

Supporting information:

Following recent cold weather a number of requests from residents regarding additional grit bins. The Town Clerk has spoken with Highways about potentially getting further provision in place but is advised that the process is changing and further information will be available in due course. A list of requests is being collated for when it is possible to move this forward.

Additional bins have been requested on:

Furland Road

Bushfield Road

Barn Street

Provision of bins will be subject to available budget, suitable location and agreement from County that they can be added to the filling network.

K Sheehan, Town Clerk, February 2023.