

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall on Monday 12 December 2022 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. P. Maxwell (Chair), N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan, and A. Samuel.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, and seven members of the public.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

OPEN FORUM

A resident presented a petition of 299 signatures opposing the proposed Construction Management Traffic Plan routing site traffic through Hermitage Street, Lyme Road and Lang Road and asking Crewkerne Town Council to write to Highways to support the concerns raised, namely:

- Danger from HGVs to pedestrians using the narrow and inadequate pavements.
- High numbers of children using this as a walk to school route.
- Potential of heavy site vehicles causing further deterioration to the pavements, drainage infrastructure and vibrations impacting structural safety of buildings.
- Associated adverse implications throughout the town centre and beyond, including North Street as site vehicles leave the A303.
- That further detail regarding the other roads designated for site traffic has not been communicated.

Cllr. Maxwell thanked the resident and noted that this would be listed for discussion at the meeting of Planning and Highways Committee on 9 January 2023.

A representative of Action Against Foxhunting (AAF) spoke regarding the planned Boxing Day meet of the Seavington Hunt in Crewkerne, noting that:

- The deadline for the Hunt to apply for a TTRO had now passed.
- AAF had concerns over the safety implications of horses and unleashed hounds on the highway and were liaising with Avon & Somerset Police and Somerset County Highways about this.
- AAF had conducted surveys in the town which had shown the event was not well supported locally.

Cllr. Maxwell noted that Crewkerne Town Council did not condone illegal activity and emphasised that AAF were liaising with the correct organisations as CTC had no remit or powers in highways or law enforcement, and was not involved with the event itself.

091 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

22/23

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton (personal), M. Best (unwell), T. Bond (unwell), A. Stuart (personal) and D. Wakeman (work commitments).

092 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

22/23

No declarations were made at this point.

093 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

22/23

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on 14 November 2022 be APPROVED.

094 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

22/23

The Town Clerk reported:

- She had requested a further Highways visit to Crewkerne in the New Year and was waiting to hear regarding dates.
- In response to correspondence from Cllr. Maxwell to Stonewater regarding dangerous parking behind Ashlands School, Stonewater had agreed to have double yellow lines, grit bins and lighting installed.
- The radar box would return to West Street to monitor speeding vehicles in January, as the data recorded had been impacted by the roadworks in this location.

095 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

22/23

21/02193/S73A North Street Trading Estate North Street Crewkerne TA18 7AW
External lighting strategy to accompany this application requiring an amendment to the description of development (to include the variation of condition 29 as opposed to its removal) and suggested wording for the amendments to condition 29, as set out in the covering letter.

Clerk to submit a 'no objections' comment on this application.

The following applications were noted without comment:

22/03316/OLAC Ashlands VC First School North Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AL
Localised window replacement and the installation of a new fire exit door within a new structural opening.

22/03279/PAPV Singleton Engineering (UK) Ltd Blacknell Lane Crewkerne Somerset
TA18 7HE
Notification for prior approval for the provision of PV solar panels on two roof-slopes of light industrial buildings totalling 90KWp.

096 TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

22/23

None.

097 TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

22/23

The following updated items were noted:

- Refurbishment of lines on North Street.
- Clerk would organise a follow up visit to Crewkerne in January or early February with Highways officers to pick up a number of outstanding items.

- West Street speeding – radar monitoring would recommence in January.

098 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

22/23

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group reported that:

- The launch events had been well attended, with over 20 visitors on the Friday and over 40 on the Saturday.
- The first survey had been delivered inside the town newsletter
- An online version was available at www.crewkerneneighbourhoodplan.co.uk.
- The deadline for responses was Friday 6th January 2023.

He urged people to take the time to complete the survey as it would be critical in providing the data to underpin the policies in the Neighbourhood Plan.

099 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

22/23

Monday 9 January 2023 at 18.45.

The meeting closed at 19.13.

Signed:

Dated:

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