

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 13 February 2023 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. P. Maxwell (Chair), S. Ashton (part), M. Best, N. Draycott, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan and D. Wakeman.

In attendance: Locum Clerk L. Gowers, and two members of the public.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised that the meeting could not be live streamed due to technical difficulties.

OPEN FORUM

No-one wished to speak.

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22/23 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Cllrs T. Bond (personal), K. Head (personal), A. Samuel (personal) and A. Stuart (Work commitments).

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22/23 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

All Councillors declared an interest in the following applications within Agenda item 3:

- **Planning application 23/00054/TCA** Townsend Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Crewkerne
Notification of intent to fell no. 10 trees within a conservation area
- **Planning application 23/00053/TPO** Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve, Bincombe Lane, Crewkerne.
Application to fell no. 50 trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 2) 1985 Tree Preservation Order.

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22/23 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 9th January 2023 be **APPROVED**.

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22/23 **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**

None.

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22/23 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**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).
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

- 23/00227/TCA** **Woodlands Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH**
Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL
- 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.
Councillors requested further information prior to commenting on this application. Further information was not available on the planning portal.
- 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.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

The following applications were noted without comment:

- 23/00054/TCA** **Townsend Cemetery, Mount Pleasant, Crewkerne**
Notification of intent to fell no. 10 trees within a conservation area
- 23/00053/TPO** **Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve, Bincombe Lane, Crewkerne.**
Application to fell no. 50 trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 2) 1985 Tree Preservation Order.

It was noted that there had been an offer of replacement trees by an independent applicant and the Council wished to clarify that although replacement trees were welcomed, it would not be weighed against the application.

115 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

22/23

- 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

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

22/23

Cllr. Nathan asked if there was an update on the provision of the East Street car park at Millers Garage. Cllr. Best confirmed there was not.

The Clerk reported that a new, larger dog waste bin had been installed at the end of Foxditch Lane. This was welcomed, however it was noted that there had been a recent instance of up to 20 poo bags hanging in hedges along Ashlands Road. It was also noted that the dog waste bin at the bottom of Brickyard Lane was often full.

Cllr. Ashton reported that the SID was in place at Broadshard. He had visited the landowner and agreed that the post would stay in place for one year to allow data to be collected regarding speeding vehicles.

Cllr. Nathan advised that she had spoken to the tree officer regarding the replacement for the diseased tree on Market Street. She would email the details of their conversation to the Town Clerk.

It was noted that a road sign at Broadshard was laying on the floor. The Clerk would inform Highways.

117 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOLLOWING THE THIRD HIGHWAYS VISIT TO CREWKERNE**

22/23

The report from the visit was circulated. All agreed that it was very useful to have an ongoing dialogue with Highways and regular visits. The Clerk was requested to schedule a fourth visit. Points of discussion were:

- Crossing patrol at North Street/Brickyard Lane: Cllr. Nathan noted that it was not only children on their way to school that crossed at this point. Older people also crossed at this junction. It was also noted that there were bollards on the triangle at the bottom of Brickyard Lane and commented that this could be in the ownership of Highways.
- Pavements outside The George Hotel: Cllr. Ashton commented that tarmac may be an unpopular choice to replace the broken pavement in the conservation area and bollards had also been suggested as an option to prevent lorries parking and unloading at this point. He noted that this should be a matter for wider discussion.

Cllr. Nathan raised two points outside of the report:

1. What was the position with 106 payments for the town. The locum clerk recommended that she speak to the Town Clerk for an update.
2. Was there an update for the steps that were being built on a cottage at Gouldsbrook Terrace that appeared to jut into the road. It was noted that this was an ongoing enforcement case with the planning team at District Council and therefore no comment could be made.

19.17pm. Cllr. Ashton gave his apologies and left the meeting.

118 **TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING PARKING ISSUES, DRAINAGE AND POTHLES**

22/23

The correspondence was received and noted.

119 **TO NOTE THE RESULTS OF A RECENT SPEED MONITORING OPERATION ON WEST STREET**

22/23

Cllr. Wakeman commented that the data collection had taken place at a quiet time of year and requested that the speed reading device was installed once more, during mid-summer. It was requested that the fourth visit from Highways was scheduled after the device had been deployed and July was suggested.

There was further discussion regarding North Street and a request that the speed reading device was installed on this road as part of the data collection in July. This could then be included in the education review, which included police and highways.

120 **TO NOTE REQUESTS FROM RESIDENTS FOR ADDITIONAL GRIT BINS**

22/23

The report was noted. Councillors commented that Crewkerne Town Council had run a scheme in the past, which entailed residents volunteering to store bags of grit in certain areas of the town, and spread the grit if necessary.

It was noted that the process of filling grit bins was changing due to Somerset County Council becoming a unitary council and the Clerk was requested to write to request notification of the change of process, once it had been agreed.

121 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

22/23

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave a short summary of the results of the questionnaire. There had been 272 responses.

- Most responses had come from the 45-79 age group. The Chair noted that there would be work to undertake to get responses from a younger age group.
- The town was liked due to its size and character.
- Respondents disliked traffic, empty shops and new build development in the town.
- 75% of respondents did not want land allocated for development. Brown field sites were preferred
- 84% of respondents were not happy with the healthcare provision in the town. There was a concern that development would increase this problem
- 90% of respondents wanted green spaces and playing fields protected
- Most respondents did not want to see change of use of shops on the high street
- More employment and opportunity was wanted
- Improvements for walking and cycling in the town was needed
- Respondents were not satisfied with the public transport provision or parking provision in the town
- There was a concern regarding climate change and loss of habitat for wildlife. Respondents did not want to lose green space, trees or hedgerows
- There was an appreciation of the character of the town and its listed buildings. There was a concern regarding how they are cared for

- 87% of respondents would like design guidance given to developers

The Chair noted that the draft Vision, Aim and Objectives report would go back out to the community following the questionnaire.

122 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

22/23

Monday 13 March 2023 at 18.45.

The meeting closed at 19.36.

Signed:

Dated:

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