

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 15 May 2023 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. T. Bond (Vice Chair), N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, A. Samuel, A. Stuart and D. Wakeman.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk E. Wilkins, and two members of the public.

OPEN FORUM

Two residents wished to speak.

A resident queried if the condition of the former NatWest Bank is being followed up on. A concern was raised as to whether the building is watertight, commenting that these buildings should be maintained, or it degrades the conservation area. Other buildings/areas of concern were noted including The Royal Oak and a stone pillar on East Street. The Deputy Clerk was asked to follow up these matters and ascertain if it is possible to arrange a site meeting with the conservation officer.

A resident wished to comment on the CLR Taylor Wimpey site. They queried the discharge for the Haul Roads and was there any distinguishment between the two. The Town Clerk said she would enquire with the planning officer. Cllr. Wakeman noted that the road runs from the top to the bottom of the site.

145 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton (personal), M. Best (unwell), P. Maxwell, J. Morris, J. Nathan (all personal).

146 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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None.

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

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It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 24 April 2023 be **APPROVED**.

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

22/23

The Deputy Clerk reported that the amended dates for the Morrisons scheduled roadworks on Ashlands Road are still pending.

Somerset Council are closing Lyme Road, Clapton Road and Cathole Bridge Road from 30th May until 1st June 2023 for carriageway central line replacement and installation of a new lining.

Cllr. Best sent a message to inform the Council that there is a meeting of the Planning Committee South in relation to Goldwell Farm. The meeting is on Tuesday 23rd May at 5.30pm, Council Chamber, Council Offices, Brympton Way, Yeovil, BA20 2HT. Cllr. Best suggested that a representative from Crewkerne Town Council attend.

A verbal update was given on the research into a possible Kithill Local Nature Reserve. Research is ongoing and the Deputy Clerk is looking into ownership of the land in question. In order to set up a LNR the Local Authority must control the land either through ownership, a lease or an agreement with the Landowner. There is ongoing correspondence with Natural England and Somerset Wildlife Trust. The Deputy Clerk will report back in due course.

It was noted that correspondence from Tilia Homes was received and forwarded to Councillors on 12th May. They inform the Town Council that they are submitting a new application for 150 homes in the w/c 8th May. It has been requested that plans are sent to CTC for display at Town Hall. There will be further information available when the application is validated by Somerset Council.

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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 23/00695/R13** **Ashlands Primary School, North Street, Crewkerne, TA18 7AL**
Replacement of 4 No. timber frame windows with new aluminium double glazed installations and structural opening for a new fire exit door.
RECOMMEND SUPPORT THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CONSERVATION OFFICER ON THIS APPLICATION.
- 23/00931/HOU** **The New Bungalow, 33 Chubbs Lawn, Middle Path, Crewkerne, TA18 8BH**
Erection of a rear Conservatory.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL.

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE SOMERSET COUNCIL

The following planning decision notices were noted:

- 23/00527/HOU** **30 Thomson Drive, Crewkerne, TA18 8AQ**
Removal of existing conservatory & the erection of two single storey extensions to front & side of dwelling.
APPROVED, with conditions.
- 23/00298/FUL** **14 Langmead Road, Crewkerne, TA18 8DY**
Erection of new dwelling.
WITHDRAWN.
- 23/00721/HOU** **11 Broadshard Road, Crewkerne, TA18 7NE**
Erection of a two storey side extension, single storey rear extension, enlargement of front porch, enlargement of driveway, change of external walls from brick to render and change of white UPVC windows to grey UPVC.
APPROVED.
- 23/00690/HOU** **32 Henley View, Crewkerne, TA18 8JD**

Rendering of an outside gable end wall.
APPROVED.

Cllr. Ashton arrived at meeting at 19:00 to make apologies for his absence in person. He then left the meeting.

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

22/23

Updates to the Action Status Report were noted.

The Deputy Clerk was asked to work through outstanding issues in the report.

Cllr. Bond noted that there are several 'noisy drains' that need addressing, and Hermitage Street is to be added to the list and for the Highways site visit in June (date tbc).

152 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON MATTERS OF TREE OWNERSHIP AT TOWNSEND CEMETERY**

22/23

The Town Clerk reported that Taylor Wimpey have written to confirm that all trees along the boundary by the Cemetery are to be retained. They also confirm that tree No 2446 does indeed belong to Crewkerne Town Council and is not to be felled. They are in the process of submitting new plans. The Town Clerk had requested hard copies be supplied to CTC. An additional site meeting is to be requested. Cllr. Bond queried why TW are applying TPO's to trees that are not being felled.

153 **TO CONSIDER ISSUES FOR INCLUSION ON THE NEXT HIGHWAYS SITE VISIT TO CREWKERNE**

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It was reported that a drain on Mount Pleasant still required work although it was previously meant to be addressed.

Cllr. Stuart requested that speed control be raised, and in particular the zebra crossing on East Street/Mount Pleasant, reporting that cars are regularly not stopping for pedestrians, and that it is dangerous. Proceeding down the road towards the centre of town is worse than heading up. Cllr. Stuart suggested rumble strips be considered. It was also suggested that a 20mph limit could be introduced from the Pillbox. Members of the East Street Speedwatch group agreed that the issue of speeding in the 20mph zone is a problem. It was suggested that new LED beacons could be installed to replace existing belisha beacons in this area, the Town Clerk reported this had previously been rejected by Traffic Management as the crossing had already been updated. Cllr. Stuart stated that her husband has reported several near misses to Somerset Council in the past but received no response. A resident commented that a 20mph sign is not visible at the moment, near Wadham school. The Deputy Clerk is compiling a list to be discussed at the next Highways site visit.

154 **TO CONSIDER ANY FURTHER INFORMATION RECEIVED FROM NETWORK RAIL REGARDING THE HENLEY FOOTPATH DIVERSION**

22/23

Further correspondence regarding two potential diversion routes was received and noted. Cllr. Bond highlighted that the crossing was located in the Parish of West Crewkerne. Cllr. Head recounted a previous meeting with Network Rail regarding the rationale behind the move, that being that the proximity of the bend makes the crossing dangerous. Cllrs. Stuart and Wakeman commented that the crossing is being paid for by developers in the area. It was noted that if the crossing is to be moved it should give more disabled access. The Deputy Clerk was asked to pass on the comment that

the crossing needs to be accessible for all. Anyone with a query is invited to contact:
pamela.elkington@networkrail.co.uk.

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22/23 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chair of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group gave an update, noting that draft aims and objectives have been drawn up. They require some further work and then the public will be fully consulted. The document is long at present, but the aim is to reduce to one page with a response form on the back. The information is hopefully being sent out to all households w/c 5th June. The full version will be available online, in the Library and in the Local Information Office (LIC). A drop-in session is to take place in the LIC on 25th and 26th June. Once approved by the public the Neighbourhood Plan can have further work. It was reported that the government funding for the project ran out in March, but they are hoping for more in the future. The next meeting would take place in July.

Cllr. Stuart requested that the aims and objectives information be distributed on all Town Council web outlets.

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22/23 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 12th June 2023, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall.

The meeting closed at 19.21.

Signed:

Dated:

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