

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crewkerne on Monday 18th December 2023 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

S. Ashton, N. Draycott, K. Head, J. Morris, A. Samuel, A. Stuart, S. Woodland

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan and Deputy Town Clerk G. Hughes.

OPEN FORUM

No members of the public were present.

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23/24 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from M. Best (unwell), T. Bond (unwell), D. Livesley (personal), J. Nathan (personal), D. Wakeman (work commitments).

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23/24 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Stuart declared an interest in 23/02480/TCA due to living in the vicinity of the site in question.

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23/24 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 13 November 2023 be **APPROVED**.

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23/24 **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**

The Deputy Town Clerk reported that some of the grit bins in the town had missed being filled as they were full of litter. This has now been removed by the Grounds Team and Highways will return to refill them. The Christmas Tree is due to come down on January 7th.

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23/24 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

23/02840/TCA To note – **Beechfields Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 07 trees within Conservation Area.

No comments required, notification only.

23/02482/ADV **9 Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JP**
Display of 4 No non-illuminated fascia signs and 1 No. non-illuminated projecting sign

23/02894/LBC **9 Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JP**
Replace existing signage with new fascia signage and a projecting sign in front of shopfront. Paint shopfront anthracite grey as existing paint is dilapidating

Councillors had no objection as the new signage would replace existing signs for the previous retail unit. They would however, like it noted that they would like something displayed in the windows, possibly product or a poster/s showing where the main entrance is.

Recommend: APPROVAL

23/02861/FUL **Cloudshill Hewish Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RE**
Erection of a stable block

Councillors noted that the stable block will be out of view from the road or nearby footpath, and will have no impact on public visual amenity.

Recommend: APPROVAL

23/02583/COL **2 Station Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AJ**
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing driveway

Councillors noted that there is no pavement at this location so no dropped kerb is required. The road is straight at this point so there is also no access issues.

Recommend: APPROVAL

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE SOMERSET COUNCIL

23/02271/TPO **4 Lambourne Court Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7DF**
Application to carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 1 Tree as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 1) 2007 Tree Preservation Order

APPROVED

23/02419/LBC **One Stop Community Stores Ltd 8 Market Street Crewkerne TA18 7LA**
Repairs to Listed Building, including light clean of the front façade, defrass loose material and repaint in lime mortar. Replacement of an area of mortar with stonework. Remedial works to copings where required and mortar repairs and clean of stonework to the portico.

APPROVED

23/02695/TCA **St Bartholomews Churchyard Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HX**
Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree (T8) within a Conservation Area.

The Town Clerk advised that this work is scheduled to take place in January. The tree will be reduced by 10% as recommended by the arborist.

DECIDED

23/02673/LBC **18 East Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AG**
Replace rear elevation windows and doors with timber casement windows and timber doors of similar design.

APPROVED

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Replace rear elevation windows and doors with timber casement windows and timber doors of similar design.

APPROVED

68 TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

23/24

Cllr. Ashton advised that Somerset Council still have money in earmarked reserves for the development of the Millers Garage site.

The speeding of cars around Gouldsbrook Terrace/Church Street was agreed to be removed from the Action Status Report. Councillors were reminded to report any speeding matters to the Police.

The wall adjacent to Gouldsbrook Terrace has been discussed with Highways and there is nothing more they can do. The homeowner is not responding to letters.

Cllr. Samuel reported faded road markings at the junction of Wynnstay/North Street – Deputy Clerk to report to Highways.

There was also discussion over many loose paving slabs in different areas throughout the town. The Clerk advised Councillors to take photographs and then we can report to Highways.

The church steps are still awaiting repair. The Deputy Clerk will keep chasing this matter. There were several loose slabs on the approach to the church steps, but this now seems to have been repaired. Perhaps this was done by a member of the public?

69 TO CONSIDER A REQUEST FOR BETTER LITTER AND DOG BIN PROVISIONS IN THE KITHILL AREA

23/24

Since writing the agenda, Somerset Council have installed a new co-mingle bin.

70 TRAFFIC SURVEY – TO NOTE THE RESPONSE FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

23/24

Somerset Council won't consider a new traffic survey until the link road has been built. ABCD wanted to move the bus stop away from the Kings Arms. The Town Clerk/Deputy Clerk to check if having the survey was a condition of moving the bus stop. There was discussion over whether having the bus stop after the traffic lights would be a safe place, especially due to the three diverging roads at the end of Market Street. When the bollard was outside Gresham Books it was considered potentially hazardous for buses pulling out, but now the bollard has been removed. The current set up is not adequate, particularly in the winter.

The Town Clerk to enquire whether Cllr. Best has had any response from the bus companies.

71 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

23/24

Pat sent his apologies and on his behalf the Town Clerk reported the following:



The Steering Group are looking to revise a set of policy development proposals. They will be in consultation with Somerset Council's officers in the New Year and will need to apply for specialist funding for this.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 15th January 2023, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square.

The meeting closed at 19.12

Signed:

Dated:

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