

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 10th March 2025 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. S. Ashton, M. Best, N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan (Chair), C. Rawe, A. Samuel, and S. Woodland

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan and Deputy Clerk G. Hughes and three members of the public.

074 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

24/25

Apologies were received from Cllr. A. Stuart (unwell).

075 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/25

Cllr. Draycott declared an interest in 082/2425 to consider the installation of three new grit bins, due to living in the vicinity of one of the proposed locations. Cllr. Head declared a personal interest in planning application 25/00398/TCA.

076 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

24/25

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 10th February 2025 be APPROVED.

077 OPEN FORUM

24/25

No members of the public wished to speak.

078 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

24/25

- The fingerpost at the junction of Hewish Lane and Cathole Bridge Road has been repainted and the fingers have been removed for refurbishment. This work is being part funded by a grant from CPRE.
- Potholes in Market Square alongside the Town Hall have been repaired.
- Part of the A30 Yeovil Road will be closed on 20th March between the hours of 7.00am to 3pm for Openreach to replace a pole. It will be closed from the junction of Ashlands Road to the junction of Lower Severalls Farm Road (Haselbury Mill).
- The bridge adjacent to Viney Bridge Mill is deteriorating and this has been reported to Somerset Council.

079 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

24/25

25/00299/TCA

Oakhayes Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH

Notification of intent to fell No. 4 trees and carry out various tree surgery work to a number of trees (see Summary of Proposed Works) within a Conservation Area.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

Councillors commented that it was encouraging to see a comprehensive management plan of the site.

25/00335/TCA **Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve Bincombe Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7BA**
Notification of intent to fell x 3 Ash trees with die back within the group G12
NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00398/TCA **22 Church Path Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HX**
Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area – Pruning of the evergreen Hoheria by 20%
NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00416/TCA **21 Lyme Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HE**
Notification of intent to fell No. 1 Tree (T1) Acer Platanoides and carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 2 Trees T2 (Catalpa Bignonioides) Reduce Crown by 1.5-2M and T3 (Sorbus) Reduce northerly crown by 1-1.5M within a Conservation Area.
NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00494/TCA **St Bartholomews Church Church Path Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HX**
Notification of intent to remove overhanging branches of No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area
NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00360/FUL **Land At Cropmead Trading Estate Cropmead Crewkerne Somerset**
Siting of mobile snack van at Cropmead Industrial Estate

Councillors welcomed the removal of the van after each service and the commitment to clearing any associated rubbish.

Recommend: APPROVAL

080 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL**

24/25

25/00036/TCA **The Hermitage Pulmans Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HA**
Notification of intent to fell No. 1 tree and carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree within a conservation area.

PERMITTED

24/01166/COU **2 The Pyjama Factory Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HY**
Change of use from office (Use Class E) to residential (Use Class C3)
(Resubmission of 23/01888/COU)

PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

081 **TO NOTE THE PLANNING APPEAL APP/E3335/W/24/3357969 LAND SOUTH OF KITHILL CREWKERNE**
24/25 **SOMERSET (ORIGINAL APPLICATION 18/01737/OUT) AND TO CONSIDER ANY ADDITIONAL**
RESPONSE

Councillors noted CPRE's additional comments supporting their objection and wished to reaffirm their previous comments that have been submitted. The Council strongly supports CPRE's position which continues to object to the application and trusts these concerns will be considered during the appeal process.

082 TO CONSIDER THE INSTALLATION OF THREE NEW GRIT BINS

24/25

Cllr. Draycott left the room.

Councillors discussed the following points:

- Kithill – A grit bin here would be a welcome addition for the residents.
- Thomson Drive – Councillor Best is in discussions with Highways over the most suitable location.
- Beechwood Drive – This road is unadopted so Crewkerne Town Council would be responsible for filling it.
- Somerset Council will fill grit bins initially at the start of the season and then will fill as resources allow and contractors are available.
- Cllr. Woodland reported that the Furland Road bin is empty.

It was agreed to install the three bins and delegate the arrangements to the Deputy Clerk and Operations Manager.

Cllr. Draycott returned to the meeting.

083 TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

24/25

- Miller's Garage – Councillors noted that the public consultation on the forthcoming planning application at Cropmead Orchard was well attended.
- Gouldsbrook Terrace – The wall has deteriorated further; however, it is under private ownership.
- Diseased tree on Market Street - Councillors discussed whether plans for a one-way system may impact newly planted trees and whether it would be best to delay any planting. It was noted that the £300 licence can cover multiple trees.

084 TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

24/25

The Clerk reported that they are in the process of combining drafts into one skeleton draft. Surveys will be going out to employers, town centre businesses and Wool Gardens residents as those groups were unrepresented in the initial survey.

Discussion then took place around some matters of report:

- Councillors discussed blocked drains on Severalls Park Avenue. These have been reported to Somerset Council but not deemed bad enough to fix. There was a question raised over whether the Grounds Staff had been asked to monitor these drains. Councillors had no recollection of this and had concerns that if this were to happen it would set a precedent for other areas in the town. Concerns were also raised that the Grounds Staff would not be insured to carry out any works to the Highway.
- The new sink in the public toilets has been installed. The Police are investigating the incident, and an insurance claim has been filed. There was discussion over whether there should be CCTV in the area and if that would be the responsibility of the Falkland Square management company. The Police have confirmed that even if there was CCTV they would need evidence that the sink was undamaged before the perpetrator entered the toilets.

- Parking in Brickyard Lane/Tannery Court – No response has been received following a letter to Ashlands Primary School.

085 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24/25

Monday 28th March 2025, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.26.

Signed:

Dated:

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