

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

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Best, N. Draycott, D. Livesley, P. Maxwell, J. Nathan (Chair), C. Rawe, and A. Samuel

In attendance: A. Cross (Operations Manager), G. Hughes (Town Clerk), S. Syeda Bowen (Deputy Clerk)

050 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton, J. Morris, A. Stuart (personal), and Cllrs. K. Head and S. Woodland (unwell).

051 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor Livesley declared an interest in planning application 25/0251/TCA as he is the applicant.

052 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 13th October 2025 be APPROVED.

053 OPEN FORUM

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There were no members of the public present.

054 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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- There is currently no confirmed date for the Land Off Station Road application to be considered by Somerset Council's Planning Committee. Members of the public who have submitted an objection via the planning portal will receive an automatic email notification once the meeting date is set.
- The loose manhole cover on North Street has now been repaired.
- Regarding the revised plans for Miller's Garage, it has been confirmed that no trees will be removed. All trees on the site are owned and managed by Crewkerne Town Council.

055 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

25/26

25/02521/TCA

The Old Bakery Bincombe Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7LY

Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree and carry out Tree surgery works to No. 2 Trees within a Conservation Area.

- 1) Remove ONE ASH tree which has ASH DIEBACK and is dead. Tree approx. 30 feet tall. Spruce tree already planted (6 foot tall) to fill the gap.
- 2) Pollard several branches of second ASH which so far remains largely healthy.
- 3) Pollard ONE MAPLE at crown has squirrel damage and is dead. Remove approx. 15 foot of tree and pollard/shape remainder of the healthy tree.

Councillor Livesley left the room.

Councillors commented that the works appeared necessary and that the squirrel damage was clearly visible.

Councillor Livesley returned to the room.

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

25/01453/S73

Land Adjacent Cloudshill Hewish Lane Crewkerne Somerset

S73 Application to vary Condition 2 (approved plans) to allow enlargement and repositioning of garage further from dwelling; to remove Condition 16 (copper beech tree); and to vary Condition 17 to remove the reference to Beech Tree T001 (tree protection measures), of planning consent 24/01412/FUL - Erection of a single two storey detached dwelling.

APPROVED

25/02078/TCA

Old Bincombe Poples Well Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES

Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. T1 Western Red Cedar - Shorten large side stem on West side at 6m above ground level to leave at 1.5m from main stem Reason - Tree leaning over neighbours drive/house stem showing signs of stress cracking close to main stem union.

DECIDED

25/02240/HOU

89 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8EX

Conversion and extension to existing garage and addition of a rooflight to utility

APPROVED

25/02241/LBC

89 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8EX

Conversion and extension to existing garage and addition of a rooflight to utility

APPROVED

25/02024/HOU

69 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8EX

Removal of existing conservatory and erection of a replacement single storey extension to rear of dwelling, replace garage doors to provide a workshop and associated internal alterations

APPROVED

23/03014/FUL

Viney Bridge Mills And 5 Shute Lake Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AE

Conversion and alteration of existing Mill Buildings to form 30 dwellings, part demolition of existing buildings including 5 Shute Lake Lane and erection of 16 dwellings (46 dwellings in total) with associated car parking, landscaping, Public Open Space and associated infrastructure including new access bridge from Weavers Close.

APPROVED

23/01610/FUL

35-37 South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DA

Re-division of an existing 4 bed house into two 2 bed houses. Proposed two new rooflights to the front elevation roof.

APPROVED

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TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

The following matters were noted:

- Councillors commented that some of the gully clearance works are not being carried out in line with the Somerset Council schedule. The Clerk will divide the town into areas and allocate these to Councillors so they can check the gullies in their respective sections.
- Councillors discussed the general visual appearance of the town. It was suggested that, in 2026, one aspect of the town's presentation is focused on each month.
- The lack of street lighting in Scutchings Lane was noted. Councillor Best will follow this up with the developer.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8th December 2025, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 18.55

Signed:

Dated:

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