

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 12th May 2025 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

Councillors N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, P. Maxwell, J. Morris, J. Nathan (Chair), A. Samuel, and Cllr. A. Stuart

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk G. Hughes and Operations Manager A. Cross

086 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton, M. Best, C. Rawe and S. Woodland (all personal).

087 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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No declarations of interests were made

088 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 10th March 2025 be APPROVED.

089 OPEN FORUM

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There were no members of the public present.

090 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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- The A30 is currently closed from 7pm to 6am for patching works between Crewkerne and Haselbury Plucknett, but this work is due to finish tomorrow.
- Wessex Water have completed works to replace a damaged drain cover on South Street
- Drainage works on Shave Lane are due to be completed today

091 TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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25/01000/TCA

1 Church Path Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HX

Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery to No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area. T1 – Blue Atlas Cedar; reduce the last main leader by 2/3.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00860/LBC

Units 2 3 And 4 Victoria Shopping Mews Market Square Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7LE

Listed Building Consent application for internal and external alterations in relation to change of use of upper floor from commercial use to 2 No. residential flats and erection of cycle storage shed and bin area.

Councillors commented that the proposal would be a good use of the space and that the cycle shed and bin store would keep the area tidy.

23/00006/REM

Land At Blacknell Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE

Notification only - Discharge of Condition No. 02 (Materials) of planning application 23/00006/REM

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL

25/00035/ADV

Waitrose South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DA

Display of rebranded existing Waitrose signage with new building letters, car park signs and window vinyls

APPROVED

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)

APPROVED

25/00027/FUL

Waitrose South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DA

Full Planning application for works to include roof ad plant replacement, upper deck car park and façade maintenance

APPROVED

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%

DECIDED

Councillors noted that this work had been carried out to a high standard.

25/00179/P3GPA

Units 2 3 And 4 Victoria Shopping Mews Market Square Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7LE

Prior approval for proposed Change of use from Commercial, Business and Service use (Class E) to mixed use including up to two flats (ClassC3): The ground floor will remain commercial, while the upper floor office space will be converted into two flats.

APPROVED

23/03063/LBC

Viney Bridge Mill 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

It was noted that the FUL application is still awaiting a decision.

25/00703/DOC

2 The Pyjama Factory Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HY

Discharge of condition No. 04 (Allocation Certificate) of planning application 24/01166/COU

CONDITIONS DISCHARGED

- 25/00360/FUL **Land At Cropmead Trading Estate Cropmead Crewkerne Somerset**
Siting of mobile snack van at Cropmead Industrial Estate
APPROVED
- 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.
DECIDED
- 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
DECIDED
- Councillors noted that this work has now been scheduled for September to accommodate the nesting season.
- 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.
DECIDED
- 25/00772/DOC1 **Westover House Popleswell Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES**
Discharge of Condition Numbers 3 (Repointing) and 4 (Stone Sample Panel and Mortar) of planning application 21/02651/LBC.
CLOSED
- 25/00615/TCA **27 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8ET**
Notification of intent to remove two Leyland Cypress trees included within Conservation Area.
DECIDED
- 25/00580/TCA **Old Bincombe Popleswell Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES**
Notification of intent to Fell No. 1 Tree (Wild Cherry T1) and carry out Tree Surgery Works to No. 1 Tree (Wild Cherry T2-Shorten the 2 stems over parking area to South West side by 3.5m) within a Conservation Area.
DECIDED

093 LETTER OF APPRECIATION

24/25 To consider acknowledging the support of Somerset Council's Highways Manager through a formal letter of appreciation.

Councillors agreed with the proposal, noting that the Highways Manager continues to be helpful despite the current financial constraints and challenging circumstances.

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TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

- The Deputy Clerk was asked to provide an update for each item ahead of the next meeting
- Councillors expressed their frustration at the ongoing lack of progress with the Miller's Garage site and requested that the Deputy Clerk write to the Planning Officer and Adam Dance MP to urgently seek a clear update and a definitive timeline for the provision of the car park. Councillors also believe that the funding for this project remains ring-fenced and wish to see it used for its intended purpose without further delay.
- There was discussion around the diseased tree on Market Street. It has been reported as dangerous several times to Somerset Council but no progress has been made.
- The wall at Gouldsbrook Terrace has deteriorated further but it is under private ownership.
- The Deputy Clerk will enquire whether the faded zebra crossing will be repainted as part of the Waitrose refurbishment. The Deputy Clerk will report the faded lines at the junction of North Street/Wynnstay.
- Two grit bins are awaiting installation at Beechwood Drive and Kithill. Cllr. Best is awaiting approval from Highways for the location of the third bin on Thomson Drive.

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TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP

The consultation draft has been received from the Planning Consultant, and progress is being made towards holding a public consultation on the document.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th June 2025, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.07.

Signed:

Dated:

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