

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 7th September 2026 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

Councillors M. Best, R. Cosgrove, N. Draycott, P Maxwell, J. Morris, J. Nathan (Chair), C. Rawe, A. Samuel and A. Stuart

In attendance: G. Hughes (Town Clerk) and S. Syeda Bowen (Deputy Clerk), A Cross (Operations Manager) and two members of the public

024 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Councillors: K. Head and D. Livesley (personal reasons)

The reasons for absence were APPROVED.

025 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Councillor C. Rawe declared an interest in agenda item 029/2627 as she knows the applicant.

026 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 July 2026 be APPROVED.

027 OPEN FORUM

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One member of the public spoke in support of the amended planning application 26/01425/HOU, 4 Fox Meadows, advising the loss of privacy would be mitigated by the amended proposal for fencing at an increased height of 1.8m.

028 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Clerk gave the following updates:

- 9th-11th September, 08-1800, diversions in place due to roadworks on Barn Close.
- 17th-19th September, 2000-0600, 13.5 mile diversion due to roadworks on Mosterton Road, as well as Road from Greghams Farm to Crewkerne Turning.
- 28th -30th September, road closure on Barn Street due to Openreach works.
- Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group to take place on Wednesday 9th September, at 1330, in the Council Chamber.

029 TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH SCHEME IN CREWKERNE

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Some councillors expressed an interest in volunteering for the scheme.

Councillors AGREED to support the application and would be keen to see it expanded to cover other areas of Crewkerne, beyond Lyme Road.

030
26/27 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

NEW APPLICATIONS – SOMERSET COUNCIL

26/01876/HOU **53 Barn Street, Crewkerne TA18 8BP**
Proposed repair and renewal works to the existing roof.

Councillors AGREED to support the application.

26/01877/LBC **53 Barn Street, Crewkerne TA18 8BP**
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Councillors AGREED to support the application.

26/01425/HOU **4 Fox Meadows, Crewkerne TA18 7QW**
Retrospective application for raised patio. Amended plans to include additional screening on boundary and raised patio area.

Councillors continued to express concerns regarding the loss of privacy, noting that the raised patio would still result in overlooking of neighbouring properties. They would have preferred more permanent fencing and raised concerns that the proposed willow fencing may have a limited lifespan. It was suggested that a condition require the fencing to be replaced when necessary.

Councillors raised concerns that neighbouring residents' comments regarding water run-off had not been adequately addressed.

Councillors AGREED not to support the application.

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26/27 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL**

26/01651/TCA **Culverkeys, Barn St, Crewkerne TA18 8BP**
Notification of intent to fell No.1 Yew Tree within a Conservation Area.
T1 - Yew - The contractor shall undertake the safe dismantling and removal of one Irish Yew tree located adjacent to the driveway entrance.
The works shall include:
Carrying out a site-specific risk assessment and pre-work safety inspection.
Establishing a safe working area with appropriate signage, barriers, and traffic/pedestrian management measures as required.
Checking for overhead services, underground utilities, and any other site constraints before commencing work.
Sectionally dismantling and felling the Irish Yew using appropriate arboricultural techniques to prevent damage to adjacent structures, boundaries, vehicles, utilities, and landscaping.
Lowering branches and stem sections in a controlled manner where necessary.
Cutting the stem as close to ground level as practicable.
Processing all arisings into manageable sections.
Removing all timber, branches, brash, and green waste from site unless otherwise instructed by the client.
Leaving the work area clean, tidy, and free from debris.

APPLICATION PERMITTED

26/01636/HOU

34 Furland Road, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DD

Removal of existing garage and utility and the erection of a two-storey extension.

APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

26/01275/S73

Land off Lang Road, Crewkerne Somerset TA18

S73 Application to vary Condition 19 to amend the wording to allow the development to commence on site ahead of the pedestrian railway crossing being stopped up and made not available for use by the public relating to 18/01737/OUT; Outline application for residential development of up to 150 dwellings, public open space, landscaping and associated works with access from Lang Road, Allowed on Appeal 17.6.20

APPLICATION REFUSED

26/01825/TPO

5 Bramley Close, Crewkerne TA18 7DL

Application to carry out Tree Surgery works to No. 4 Trees as shown within the South Somerset District Council (CREW 1) 2007 Tree Preservation Order.

T1 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Crown Reduce by 2-2.25 M

T2 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Reduce Height by 2 M and reduce N Westerly Growth by 2.5-3 M to balance.

T3 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Monolith to a height of 1.5 M.

T4 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Reduce height by 2.5-3 M - reduce lateral growth by 0.5-1 M.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

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RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT

The following matters were noted:

- Millers Garage – The Somerset Council Planning Portal does not show a decision. Cllr Best advised this is due to legalities regarding S106 funding.
- Gullies – Planned rounds take priority. It was noted that the gully along North Street is still blocked and the water flows to the Town Hall.
- Gouldsbrook Terrace – The Deputy Clerk has requested that the vegetation is cut back again.
- Diseased tree on Market Street – It was noted that once we have quotes to remove the stump and replant, the matter will be brought to Full Council. Any replacement trees will be the responsibility of Crewkerne Town Council.
- Faded road markings – Road markings near Wynnstay are no longer visible. The Clerk will report this to Somerset Council.
- Mobility Scooter Access – Some of the dropped kerbs are not low enough. This will be discussed at the next Highways meeting.

Councillors further noted:

- Adam Dance, MP might be approached about the gullies being cleared.
- The walnut tree removal at Henhayes, has left one remaining tree. Councillors were concerned the tree may not be safe during windy weather. The Deputy Clerk will obtain a safety assessment from Somerset Council.

033 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 12th October 2026, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.21

Signed:

Dated:

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