Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 9th November 2026 at 18.45.

**PRESENT:**

Councillors M. Best, R. Cosgrove, N. Draycott, C. Emmerson, K. Head, D. Livesley, 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) and one member of the public

045 26/27 **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

All councillors were present.

046 26/27 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The Town Clerk declared an interest in agenda item 051/2627, application 26/02540/HOU, as she knows the applicant and confirmed that the Deputy Clerk would submit any comments.

047 26/27 **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 12th October 2026 be APPROVED.

048 26/27 **OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public queried whether Taylor Wimpey had been made aware of the trees covered by Tree Protection Orders along the eastern boundary of the cemetery.
The Council requested that the Town Clerk notifies Taylor Wimpey and residents once the properties are completed and occupied.

049 26/27 **TAYLOR WIMPEY UPDATE**

Roadworks are ongoing to connect the new junction to Blacknell Link Lane.

Taylor Wimpey has now secured Reserved Matters for the wider northern area of the site.

At the A30 / Yeovil Road junction, works have commenced to remove the bank between the site and the road. Traffic management is in place and booked from now until 30th April 2027.

050 26/27 **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**

The Clerk gave the following updates on road closures:

- 16th – 20th Nov: Cathole Bridge Rd for Network Rail to conduct Level Crossing works.
- 17th – 19th Nov for 2 nights (1830-0630): North St, Haselbury Plucknett for Wessex Water works.
- 27th Nov – 13-2000 Market Square for Crewkerne Christmas Lights Switch On.
- 27th Nov 1815-1930 Market Square & Market Street for Santa's procession.

- 28th Nov 0600-1700 Market Square for Christmas Market.
- 30th Nov for 6 hours (0930-1530): Oxen Road to enable Openreach works.
- 20th Dec : Cathole Bridge Rd for Network Rail work.

051 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

26/27 **NEW APPLICATIONS – SOMERSET COUNCIL**

26/02540/HOU **43 Thomson Drive Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AQ**
Single storey side extension, porch enlargement and loft conversion.

Councillors AGREED to support the application, noting that there are similar extensions on the surrounding properties.

26/02411/HOU **9 Bushfield Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HL**
Single storey rear extension, two storey side extension. Replace porch and extend garage to front.

Councillors AGREED to support the application but expressed a preference for the applicant to use permeable surfacing for parking areas to allow for water to be absorbed and alleviate flooding.

26/02519/TCA **Upper Tythe Barn, Barn Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8BP**
Notification of intent to Fell No. 2 Cypress trees and remove stumps within a Conservation area.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

26/02474/TCA **9 Lyme Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HE**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 Silver Birch Tree within a conservation area.
We wish to reduce the crown by 3m and reshape the tree as necessary.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

26/02448/TCA **29 East Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AG**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No 2 trees and fell No 1 tree within a conservation area. T1 - Sycamore - To carry out a High pollard. Remove all foliage to leave a finish height of 5m. T2 - Hawthorn - Fell to ground level stack all arisings on site within Bincombe Beeches. T3 - Eucalyptus - Reduce / Pollard back to previous reductions points. The finished height of the works is 3m.

NOTIFICATION ONLY. Councillors were concerned that the application includes the hawthorn arising from the site to be left at Bincombe Beeches. This is council land, and they have not been consulted.

26/02430/TCA **Land East of Side of Brickyard Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7BA**
**N**otification of intent to fell No 21 Trees and carry out Tree Surgery works to No 30 Tree's within a conservation area.

NOTIFICATION ONLY. Councillors noted that this site borders Bincombe Beeches Nature Reserve. There were concerns raised about the stability of the bank with removal of so many trees.

Councillors have concerns that there has been no arborist report for such significant work. They have requested a site visit from the Planning Officer before the application is decided.

26/02256/DPO **Land South of Kithill Crewkerne Somerset TA18**
Application to modify a S106 Agreement between Brian Alfred Fone Dening and Mary Dening (1) and Eli Thomas Symes and David James Symes and Ricard Ernest Symes (2) and Simon Barrett and Sara-Jane Barrett (3) and South Somerset District Council (4) and Somerset County Council (5) dated 12th March 2020, the amendment is sought to ensure that the S106 Agreement does not impose onerous obligations onto chargees relating to planning application 18/01737/OUT

NOTIFICATION ONLY

**052/2627** **To receive planning decision notices from Somerset Council**

26/02207/TCA **Glebe Cottage 2 Gouldsbrook Terrace Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JA**
Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery works to No 3 Tree's within a Conservation Area T1= Lime, 15m in height, re-pollard to old pruning points, leaving tree at 12m. T2 & T3 = Lime trees, 18m in height, pollard by 50% to 9m. These are tall leggy trees. These trees grow directly on the boundary hard against the neighbouring property on Church walk. So this work is to maintain safety to the surrounding properties whilst retaining the trees. AMENDED SPECIFICATION 13.10.26 T1= Lime, 15m in height, re-pollard to old pruning points, leaving tree at 12m. T2 & T3 = Lime trees, 18m in height, crown reduce removing up to 4m regrowth back to previous pruning points.

APPROVED

26/02137/COL **63 Bushfield Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HW**
Application for Lawful Development Certificate for proposed construction of a single storey extension on the rear elevation of the dwelling to combine and enlarge the kitchen/dining area and enlarge and convert the small office space into a 3rd bedroom, together with creating a new side entrance onto the rear garden.

APPROVED

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

APPROVED

26/01877/LBC **53 Barn Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8BP**
Proposed repair and renewal works to the existing roof.

APPROVED

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| 26/01825/TPO | **5 Bramley Close Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7DL**<br>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 2-2.25m T2 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Reduce Height by 2m and reduce N Westerly Growth by 2.5-3m to balance. T3 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Monolith to a height of 1.5m. T4 - Fraxinus Excelsior - Reduce height by 2.5-3m - reduce lateral growth by 0.5-1m.<br><br>APPROVED |
| 26/01425/HOU | **4 Fox Meadows Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7QW**<br>Retrospective application for raised patio and ancillary development.<br><br>REFUSED |
| 23/00007/REM | **Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East of Crewkerne between A30 and A356 Yeovil Road Somerset TA18 7HE**<br>Approval of reserved matters for appearance, landscaping , layout and scale for 525 dwellings and associated development following outline approval of 05/00661/OUT (Comprehensive mixed-use development for 525 dwellings, employment (B1, B2, B8) primary school, community facilities, playing fields, parkland, P.O.S. structural landscaping and associated infrastructure including link road and highway improvements) as amended by 19/03482/S73 and 21/03005/S73<br><br>APPROVED |

053 26/27 **RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT**

- Councillors requested that the relief road and gullies are added to the Action Status Report.
- Councillors also requested that the clerk reallocate some of the areas of the town to check for blocked gullies.
- Town Clerk will investigate employing a contractor to clear the drains.
- Councillors requested that traffic improvement discussions with Somerset Highways ahead of the relief road opening, be added to the report.

054 26/27 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 11th January 2027, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.17

**Signed: ……..**

**Dated: ……**

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