

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an informal meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held remotely on Monday 12 July 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Cottle (Chairman), T. Bond, R Pailthorpe, J. Roundell Greene, A. Samuel and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 2 members of the public.

22 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Aslett (personal), Cllr. M. Best (work commitments), Cllr. K. Head (personal), Cllr. B. Hodgson (unwell), Cllr. J. Roberts (work commitments) and Cllr. A. Stuart (personal).

23 OPEN FORUM

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No one wished to speak.

24 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 14 June 2021 be APPROVED subject to the following amendment:
Cllr Bond clarified that the hedge on North Street, mentioned in Matters of Report, was not a hedge, but greenery and overgrowth from the bank above the wall.

25 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

26 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Deputy Clerk reported:

- Cllr Best and the Deputy Clerk had both been in contact with South Somerset District Council's planning department regarding the halted construction of the access road to the Millwater development off North Street. The reason for construction being stopped was not clear, however SSDC was in contact with the developer and hoped they would be back on site shortly to complete the works. Time frames had not been given. Cllr. Bond and Cllr. Samuel reported that they had both been contacted by residents living in the new development as their refuse and recycling was not being collected. This had been reported to SSDC and the Deputy Clerk would also report the missed collections.
- Maiden Newton Parish Council had responded to an email from the Deputy Clerk following a request from Councillors to gauge support for declassification of the A356, from parishes along its route in Dorset. The Parish Council did not support the

declassification from an A road to a B road as they were concerned that the road would not be included in routine gritting and become dangerous.

27 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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21/02056/DOC1 Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne TA18 7HE
Discharge of Conditions Nos 3 (Phasing), 8 (Link Road Junction), 9 (Archaeology), 10 (CEMP), 11 (Surface Water Drainage Scheme), 13 (Contamination), 16 (Associated Plans), 18 (Slow Worm Mitigation Plan) and 19 (Protection of Badger Setts) of planning application 19/03483/S73
NOTED

To Note:

21/01064/FULL Public Conveniences Falkland Square Market Street Crewkerne TA18 7JS
Modernising and upgrading existing public conveniences.
NOTED

28 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT**
21/22 **COUNCIL**

19/02921/OUT Land Off Longstrings Lane Holly Tree Farm Broadshard Road Crewkerne TA18 7EA
Outline application for the erection of 2 No. dwellings with all matters reserved except for access and landscaping.
Approved

29 **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM CLLR. BOND REGARDING THE**
21/22 **OVERGROWN HEDGE ON NORTH STREET AND TO CONSIDER ANY**
ACTIONS.

Cllr. Bond clarified that the hedge in question was not a hedge but greenery and overgrowth from sloping banks above the walls along North Street. There were three areas of the road that required attention:

- The bank beside Gouldsbrook View
- The bank opposite Tannery Court.
- The bank between 66 and 68.

Cllr. Bond reported that the greenery and overgrowth pushed traffic across the white lines in the road, causing a hazard for oncoming vehicles and pedestrians. She added that the owners of the bank would not be able to safely trim the bank as access was only via the road and most of the problem area was on a blind bend.

The Deputy Clerk advised that the County Highways Superintendent had been out to look at the area and did not consider it to be a safety issue. The Deputy Clerk had questioned this and, as a result, his supervisor had also been out to assess the area and had confirmed the Highways position that this was not a safety issue.

The Deputy Clerk added that, should the Town Council choose to deal directly with the issue, it would cost in the region of £700 to £1,000 for a contractor to undertake the work.

After discussion Councillors asked the Deputy Clerk to seek clarification from Highways as to the times that their personnel had visited and request that Highways visit again at key times i.e. drop-off and pick-up times at Ashlands School on North Street, to enable them to understand the concerns of the Town Council for the safety of pedestrians on the pavement opposite the blind bend.

After further discussion, it was agreed that this agenda item should be brought back for consideration at the next Full Council meeting, to allow other Councillors to assess the situation for themselves and to consider whether, in their opinion, there was indeed a safety issue.

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21/22 **ROAD NAMES – CREWKERNE KEY SITE: TO CONSIDER THE SUGGESTIONS FOR ROAD NAMES FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC TO BE SUBMITTED TO TAYLOR WIMPEY.**

The Chairman reminded Councillors that the Town Council had been given the opportunity to name 10 roads within the Crewkerne key site, including the link road. He reported that a number of suggested names had been put forward by members of the public.

Cllr Pailthorpe reported that he had researched the area and there was quite a strong Saxon connection. He proposed that the link road be called “The Swan neck” named after Edith Swanneck, who was First wife and consort of King Harold. Councillors were supportive of this proposal.

Cllr. Bond suggested that the road names should, if possible, be themed. Councillors agreed with this proposal.

It was suggested that Saxon-themed names could be a possibility worth researching, although Cllr. Roundell Green urged caution over names which were difficult either to pronounce or spell.

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21/22 **CORRESPONDENCE**

To receive correspondence from residents regarding:

- The pedestrian crossing on Hermitage Street.
Councillors discussed the speed of vehicles along Hermitage Street and the visibility of signs for the school. Various solutions were suggested:
 1. The speed indicator device should be sited on Hermitage Street to discourage speeding.
 2. Cllr. Pailthorpe noted that a lot of the road signs for Crewkerne were covered by overgrowth and asked if Highways or the Town Council ground staff could clear the signs.
 3. It was noted that Maiden Beech School was situated in a 30mph zone when all other schools were in 20 mph zones. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate.
- Road diversion during the time of the annual fair.
A request had been received from a member of the public, to extend the road diversion period so that the one-way system was still in place after the Charter Fair. Their view

was that this would enable traffic flow and pollution levels to be monitored. Although Councillors were supportive of the idea, there was concern that the time frame was not sufficient to allow an extension to be organised this year. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate costs for next year.

- Overhanging undergrowth and branches on the A356 North Street.

It was noted that this agenda item had been discussed earlier in the meeting [see 29 21/22 above].

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TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr Wakeman reported that he had received correspondence from a resident on Thompson Drive regarding the poor visibility at the junction of Thompson Drive and South Street due to parked cars. County Councillor Mike Best had been made aware.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9 August 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.34p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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