

## **CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of an informal meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held remotely on Monday 9 August 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

Cllrs. R. Cottle (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, T. Bond, K. Head, R Pailthorpe, A. Samuel, A Stuart and D. Wakeman.

### **In attendance:**

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, K. Sheehan (Town Clerk designate) and 1 member of the public.

### **34 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Roberts (work commitments) and J. Roundell Greene (personal).

### **35 OPEN FORUM**

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A member of the public raised the subject of the Neighbourhood Plan and asked if the Council had any plans or timetables in place to start the Neighbourhood plan, following the withdrawal of Misterton Parish Council from a joint plan. The Clerk confirmed that the Neighbourhood Plan would be on the Full Council agenda in September. The Member of the public asked if the local government reorganisation that would take place in Somerset, would have any effect on the Neighbourhood Plan and Councillors confirmed that it should not have an adverse effect.

### **36 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 12 July 2021 be APPROVED subject to the following amendment:  
Cllr Bond clarified that minute 29 should read “the bank opposite Gouldbrook View”, and “The bank below Tannery Court”.

### **37 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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None.

### **38 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK’S UPDATE REPORT**

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The Deputy Clerk had sent the action status report to all Councillors and reported on the following items:

- The changes to the junction of South Street and Market Street had been delayed due to a BT Box sited within the refuge. Highways were waiting for BT to confirm if they would move the BT box.
- A356 declassification. Two Parish Councils in Dorset had responded to the Town Council’s request for support to submit a proposal to declassify the A356 from an A road to a B road. They both confirmed that they would not support the proposal as there were concerns that the roads would not be gritted regularly during icy

weather and therefore be dangerous. The Deputy Clerk asked if this item should now be closed. Cllr. Best agreed that the project would not move forward without agreement from councils in Dorset.

- Dog fouling. Extra bins had been installed and Cllr. Samuel and Cllr. Roundell Greene would arrange to visit schools in the autumn and winter terms to raise awareness of environmental issues and problems caused by dog fouling.
- Road names for the key site. Taylor Wimpey had picked ten names from the seventeen suggestions agreed by the Town Council. The Deputy Clerk had been asked to contact family members for authorisation to use the names.
- Refurbishment of the Falkland Square toilets. The planning application for the refurbishment had been approved by South Somerset District Council and the contractor had been contacted and had ordered the materials. The licence for refurbishment, between the owner of the toilets and the Town Council, had now been signed.
- The pavement survey and the ongoing issues with the hedge/overgrowth on North Street would be added to action status report.

The Deputy Clerk also reported that the two Parish Path Liaison Officers were regularly walking the footpaths in and around the town and were continually clearing brambles and nettles. They were in regular contact with the Rights of Way team at Somerset County Council.

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### **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**21/02193/S73A**

**North Street Trading Estate North Street Crewkerne TA18 7AW**

S73A application to vary conditions 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 13, 14, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 23, 26, 31, 32 34, 35 and 36 and to remove condition 29 of planning permission 18/02363/FUL (Demolition of 1 No. dwelling and the erection of 44 No. dwellings and associated works, including vehicular and pedestrian access onto North Street, a new school playing field and parking for Ashlands School (revised application of 15/04770/FUL)

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL.**

The Town Council unanimously agreed to recommend refusal to this application, in particular removal of condition 29. The removal of street lighting would be unacceptable.

**21/02373/OUT**

**245-247 South Street Land Opposite Viney Bridge Mills Crewkerne. TA18 8AE**

Outline application for the erection of 3no 1 bedroom dwellings, access and parking with all matters reserved save for access.

**RECOMMEND REFUSAL**

Refusal was recommended on the grounds that a previous application had been made to develop this site, which was refused due to the vision splay and access to the site. This application did not have amended vision splays or access.

It was also noted that the applicant had ticked the box confirming the development was not near a water course. There was a stream alongside the development area, which was subject to flooding in 2008.

**21/02368/HOU**                    **28 Winyards View Crewkerne TA18 8HZ**  
Proposed Single Storey Extension  
The Town Council noted that the extension would bring the curtilage of the property to the boundary. It was also noted that the proposed extension was not in keeping with the area.

To Note:

**21/02066/DOC1**                    **Southern Phase Of Crewkerne Key Site Off Station Road Crewkerne**  
Discharge of condition No.07 (tree and hedgerow protections) of planning application 20/00149/REM  
NOTED

Appeal. To Note:

**APP/R3325/W/**                    **18 Abbey Street, Crewkerne. TA18 7HY**  
**21/3275984**  
Demolish existing rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension comprising 2 no. flats.  
NOTED

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**21/01788/S73**                    **Queensbury House Station Road Crewkerne TA18 8AJ**  
Erection of a single storey rear extension, car port to side and reinstatement of northern boundary line and former driveway encompassing existing gate access & change of use of section of field to increase residential curtilage (Application to vary condition 2(approved plans) of planning approval 19/01737/FUL to alter the design of the extension)  
Approved

**21/01758/P3MPA**                    **10 West Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AX**  
Prior approval for the change of use of shop into a residential dwelling house.  
Refused

**21/01749/TCA**                    **19 Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH**  
Notification of intent to fell No.02 trees included within Conservation Area  
Decision: No TPO necessary

**21/01328/HOU**                    **10 Laburnum Crescent Crewkerne TA18 7BS**  
Erection of a two-storey extension to side and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling with the removal of existing conservatory  
Approved

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**TO RECEIVE THE LATEST SID (SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE) REPORT FOR THE A358 NORTH STREET BETWEEN 9<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2021 AND 28 JULY 2021**

The Deputy Clerk had produced reports from the SID showing:

- The number of vehicles and their speeds
- The speed of traffic throughout the day

Cllr. Best questioned the accuracy of the readings and Cllr. Pailthorpe asked that figures were not published further until the data was more reliable.

The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the manufacturer had been contacted and she was waiting for their advice.

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**CORRESPONDENCE:**

To receive correspondence from residents regarding:

The correspondence was noted. Councillors raised the following points regarding this correspondence:

- The condition of the pavements in Crewkerne.

Cllr. Head confirmed that she had arranged to meet a representative from Crewkerne Action for the Disabled to walk the pavements in the town. She would report their findings to the Council.

- Parking on Thomson Drive.

Cllr. Wakeman acknowledged that Cllr. Best was working with both District and County Councils to try to resolve parking issues in town. It was highlighted that the author of the letter was frustrated with the lack of communication from Town, District and County Councillors, following letters or emails sent directly to them. Following discussion, it was agreed that Councillors should respond to acknowledge any correspondence received before forwarding any complex questions to the Clerk to answer.

Cllr. Best highlighted the work that Misterton Parish Council undertaken to create a parking plan for the parish and suggested that the Town Council should look at the town as a whole and create a town plan rather than trying to solve one parking problem at a time. This would enable a coherent plan to be produced for the town.

Cllr. Stuart requested that SSDC be contacted regarding confirmation of dates for the start of work on the Millers Garage site.

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**TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

Following a complaint regarding the length of the grass around the Severalls tennis courts, Cllrs. Samuel and Wakeman had visited the site. Both reported that the area held an abundance of wildlife, bees, butterflies and crickets. Both Councillors considered that allowing the grass to grow was a good use of the land whilst the tennis courts were not being used.

Cllr Head reported that Crewkerne in Bloom had received a similar complaint about a piece of land by Falkland Square toilets. They had installed a small plaque with the words "wildlife area" to let people know that the land hadn't been forgotten but was left for Wildlife.

Cllr. Stuart reported that the tree outside No. 5 Market Street was beginning to grow through the metal holder and asked that it was reported to either County Highways or SSDC.

Cllr. Pailthorpe had received correspondence from a business owner on Market Square regarding the speed of traffic travelling from Church Street into Market Square, often without braking or reducing speed. Following discussion, the deputy clerk was asked to contact Highways to request a solution.

Cllr. Head raised the subject of moving the whole town to a 20mph speed limit.

Cllr. Best noted that the Town Council had previously been instructed that any costs involved with a 20mph speed restriction should be covered by the Town Council.

Cllr. Pailthorpe noted that making the town a 20mph zone should be fed into the neighbourhood plan.

Cllr Bond had received an email regarding a bench formally situated around the Turkey Oak on Henhayes, which had been removed. Cllr. Wakeman confirmed that a new bench had been ordered and would be installed by Council staff once delivered.

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**DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday 13 September 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.52p.m.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....

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