



CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

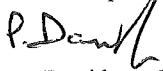
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Councillors, members of the press and public are invited to attend an informal meeting of the **Planning and Highways Committee** of Crewkerne Town Council to be held remotely on Monday 12 July 2021 at 6.45p.m.

Note: Members of the public who wish to attend can access the meeting through the following link:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>

Members of the public who wish to speak at the "Open Forum" section of the meeting are kindly requested to contact the Town Council office (details above), where they will be given joining details.


Peter Davidson, Town Clerk
6 July 2021

AGENDA

1. **To note apologies for absence.**
2. **Open Forum:** Questions may be put to the Committee during this Public Participation Session of up to 30 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes per person.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting** on Monday 14 June 2021.
4. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda.
5. **To receive the Clerk's update report.**
6. **To consider Planning Applications** as per the attached list.

Please note that the Town Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications and as such does not make decisions on any application. Any recommendations and comments this Committee make will be fed into the planning process. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the decision notices on all applications.

7. **To receive planning decision notices from District Council.**
8. **To receive a report from Cllr. Bond regarding the overgrown hedge on North Street and to consider any actions.**
9. **Road names – Crewkerne Key Site:** To consider the suggestions for road names from members of the public to be submitted to Taylor Wimpey.
10. **Correspondence: To receive correspondence from residents regarding:**
 - The pedestrian crossing on Hermitage Street.
 - Road diversion during the time of the annual fair.
 - Overhanging undergrowth and branches on the A356 North Street.
11. **To receive any other Matters of Report** (for information).
12. **Date of next meeting:** Monday 9 August at 6.45 p.m.



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Planning and Highways Committee Meeting
Monday 12 July 2021

Item 6 – New Applications – South Somerset District Council

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

To Note:

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

Item 7 - To receive planning decision notices from South Somerset District 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



Correspondence received regarding pedestrian crossing on Hermitage Street

I am writing to raise my concerns that vehicles coming down Lyme Road and accelerating up Hermitage Street are approaching the pedestrian crossing and the mini roundabout at speeds in excess of 30 m.p.h.

As you know the Hermitage Street pedestrian crossing is close to the junction of Middle Path, Lyme Road and Severalls Park Avenue, with the junction to Curriott Hill Road and Lang Road just a little further up the road.

I walk Hermitage Street regularly and vehicles often completely ignore the mini roundabout and drive straight on, without checking for vehicles from the side roads.

I am very concerned that children walking to Maiden Beech School are crossing the road close to this junction.

I had assumed the pedestrian crossing was to help provide a safer crossing for these unaccompanied children, so I cannot understand why no 20 m.p.h. restriction has been placed on this area to help reduce traffic speeds.

Is this something that could be considered please, as this crossing has older people walking from the doctor's surgery and unaccompanied children, as well as people walking their children back from the pre-school in Middle Path.?

I feel a 20 m.p.h zone to incorporate both the pedestrian crossing and junctions would help improve pedestrian safety in this part of town.

Correspondence received regarding a proposal to extend the period of road diversion during the time of the annual fair

“As the annual fair in September is to take place over 3 days this year, rather than just 2, would Councillors consider a proposal to contact Highways to discuss an extension period to the usual “road diversions” for another 2 or 3 days, so that traffic flow around the town could be observed for at least 2 days without fair stalls and rides along Market Street?

This would enable Councillors and the local authorities to have a short period of monitoring traffic flow around the town and on the major routes.

A resident, business, motorist, cyclist and pedestrian survey could be undertaken, possible via a poll on the town council website, to gauge what public reaction was over the 2 day period, which could give a very valuable insight into any possible benefits or pitfalls of any future one way system, or alteration to our road layout.”

Correspondence received regarding overhanging vegetation on A356 North Street

I am writing regarding the overhanging undergrowth and branches on the A356 North Street Crewkerne affecting traffic in a southerly direction from Ashlands Well for approximately 150 metres.

This is undergrowth which has been growing for a number of years beneath mature trees bordering the highway.

The road surface beneath this suffers from an accumulation of soil, leaf mould and debris narrowing the roadway considerably.

Heavy vehicles travelling in a southerly direction are forced across the centre of the road which in turn forces northbound traffic to the kerb and often mount the pavement. The pavement at this point also has a camber sloping down towards the roadway causing further problems for pedestrians.

This presents a serious hazard for pedestrians especially as many people use this pavement en route to the local primary school.

I know that this problem has been reported repeatedly in the past and that Crewkerne Town Council and our County Councillor are well aware of it.

I believe this is not a matter of if a serious accident occurs at this location, but when, so reinstating the carriageway to its full width should be treated with the utmost urgency.

I ask that this email is forwarded to all Crewkerne Town Councillors and that it is again raised as an agenda item at the Town Council, so a request can be sent to County Highways for action to be taken.

There are many places on the narrow pavements along the main roads in Crewkerne where pedestrian safety is compromised, but this seems to be one where a solution is simply a matter of having the will to tackle the matter rather than having to undertake major highway improvements.