

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE on Monday 8 February 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. C. Aslett (Chairman), M. Best, R. Cottle, B. Hodgson, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roberts, J. Roundell Greene and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and approximately 14 members of the public (via YouTube).

87 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Head (unwell) and A. Stuart (personal).

The Chairman expressed the Council's sadness at the passing of Captain Sir Tom Moore. His dignity and determination to raise money to support NHS charities at the most difficult of times, exemplified the very best of values.

88 OPEN FORUM

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The Chairman had received correspondence from 2 residents and a community group which he read out:

- Space4Crewkerne asked the Council to consider the pavements and footpaths in the town. Many pavements were narrow and in poor condition with flooding and leaf mould exacerbating problems.
- Due to the increased problem of dog fouling in the town, a resident asked the Council to consider supplying poo bags free of charge.
- A resident gave the opinion that CCTV would not deter irresponsible owners from picking up after their dogs, but instead suggested that owners should train their dogs to go to toilet at home.

89 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 11 January 2021 be **APPROVED**.

90 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

91 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Deputy Clerk reported that the repairs to Misterton bridge and associated road closure had been postponed although the weight restriction and diversion would remain in place.

92 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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20/03668/HOU **43 East Street Crewkerne TA18 7AG**
Proposed demolition of rear portion of existing dwelling and existing rubble stone boundary wall. New two storey rear and side extension, with single storey side extension. Creation of new parking bay. Construction of new stone finished retaining walls and site access.
The Town Council agreed in principle to the improvements to the property but had concerns regarding the parking spaces and access to them.

21/00048/HOU **Beechfields Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH**
Replace sunroom and construct additional dormer windows
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

21/00225/HOU **29 Winyards View Crewkerne TA18 8HZ**
Erection of fence along the side of property adjacent to pavement. 1.6 metres further from existing brick wall.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

93 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT**
20/21 **COUNCIL**

20/03067/FUL **Land At Blacknell Lane Trading Estate, Blacknell Lane, Crewkerne**
Flexible gas generator plant and associated infrastructure.
APPROVED

20/03157/TCA **Land Opposite Westover View, Brickyard Lane, Crewkerne TA18 7BA**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.02 trees within a conservation area
WITHDRAWN

94 **TO CONSIDER THE PROBLEM OF DOG FOULING WITHIN THE TOWN**
20/21 **AND SURROUNDING AREA**

The Council debated the continued problem of dog fouling in and around the town and agreed that it was an increasing problem. Councillors considered that to supply free dog poo bags would not solve the problem as irresponsible owners would not pick up after their pets, regardless of the supply of free bags. Councillors agreed to run a campaign of education to reinforce the message that dog owners must pick up after their dogs.

95 **CORRESPONDENCE**

20/21 To receive correspondence regarding the following:

- a. Dog fouling in the town

Noted. Addressed under the “dog fouling” agenda item above.

b. Suggestions for road names within the key site

Councillors agreed that to name roads in the Crewkerne key site after significant residents of the town was a good idea. It was suggested that residents of the town could nominate potential names and vote via the new website. Cllr. Roundell Greene reminded the meeting that names of living people should not be used.

Cllr. Roberts pointed out that the names proposed were all male and that any proposed road names would need to respect the need for equality and diversity.

Cllr. Best would speak with the developer, to ensure that they were aware that the town wished to be involved in choosing the CLR road names.

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TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr. Pailthorpe reported that the trial of electric scooters, supplied by SSDC, had been successful in Chard and Yeovil and that SSDC would like to expand the project into Crewkerne. This would be considered at an SSDC Council meeting later in February.

Cllr. Best advised the meeting that the consideration of some planning applications would be delayed at South Somerset District Council due to the continuing problem of phosphates in the region.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 March 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.23 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: