

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE on Monday 10 August 2020 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Pailthorpe (Chairman), M. Best, R. Cottle, K. Head, B. Hodgson, J. Roberts, A. Stuart and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

Deputy Clerk L. Gowers 1 member of the press and 8 members of the public

The Chairman handed the meeting across to the Mayor who wished to advise members of the public that agenda item 5 from the Full Council meeting, immediately following the Planning and Highways meeting, would be deferred as the public consultation did not end until 31 August. The Mayor also suggested a meeting at Barn Street Recreation Ground, with some key objectors and supporters of the project.

20 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. C. Aslett (personal), B. Hartshorn (personal) and J. Roundell Greene (personal).

21 OPEN FORUM

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No one wished to speak.

22 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 13 July 2020 be **APPROVED**.

23 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

24 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

20/21

The Deputy Clerk reported that:

- Cllr. Pailthorpe, the Deputy Clerk and a member of the public had met to discuss the locations for social distancing signs around the town. The grounds staff would install the necessary signs.
- Cllr. Best had been in contact with Highways regarding the works installing the gully outside the Town Hall side door. The work was not fit for purpose and a complaint had been raised.
- There had been an increase in complaints from members of the public regarding anti-social behaviour at Happy Valley. The police were aware and were increasing their patrols in that area. Active Learning and Skills would engage with the young people at the teen shelter.

- Cathole Bridge Road would be closed on 25 August for 2 days to allow Network Rail to complete some work at the level crossing.
- A Councillor had asked the Deputy Clerk if the Councillor surgeries should be reinstated.

25 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

20/21

None received.

26 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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20/02099/TCA The Hermitage, Pulmans Lane, Crewkerne TA18 8HA
 Notification of intent to fell No 2 Trees within a conservation Area
APPLICATION PERMITTED

27 **MILLERS GARAGE**

20/21

To receive an update from South Somerset District Council on the proposed start date of the development of the site

Cllr. Best had spoken to an officer at SSDC. The tendering process for the build had been delayed due to Covid-19 but was now underway. There was no update on when the build would begin.

28 **KITHILL DEVELOPMENT**

20/21

To receive an update on the action to seek legal advice over the appeal decision

The Deputy Clerk had contacted a barrister for advice and was waiting a reply. The Chairman requested that this item should be included in each future Planning and Highways agenda until a response or a recommendation for further action was received.

29 **TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**

20/21

Cllr. Best had met with a highways officer to highlight the faded road markings around the town, particularly on the mini roundabout outside the Town Hall. Cllr. Best had requested a textured paint as the lines had been repainted only 6 months previously.

Cllr. Best reported that badgers were undermining the footpath once again at Happy Valley and that he had also spoken to a resident neighbouring Happy Valley regarding the continuing antisocial behaviour around the teen shelter. He had assured her that the Council were taking complaints seriously but that moving the teen shelter may not be the solution.

Cllr. Pailthorpe suggested that the Deputy Clerk should investigate the use of a signal booster for her internet at home, to allow her to clerk virtual meetings without losing signal.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 14 September 2020 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.04 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: