

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Monday 10 June 2019 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. C. Aslett (Chairman), M. Best, R. Cottle, B. Hartshorn, K. Head, B. Hodgson, A. Stuart, and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, 1 member of the press and 3 members of the public.

13 APOLOGIES

19/20

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. Pailthorpe (personal), J. Roundell Greene (personal) and A. Smith (unwell).

14 OPEN FORUM

19/20

A member of the public spoke about the Millers Garage planning application and expressed the concern that speed bumps in the car park would not be a deterrent to motorists using the car park as a short cut through to South Street.

The same member of the public spoke about the proposal to alter the timings on the Market Street crossing and suggested that Council should undertake a complete investigation before altering timings.

15 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

19/20

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 20 May 2019 be **APPROVED** subject to the following amendment:

In paragraph 11 19/20 the sentence amended to read: the buildings had recently been offered for sale, in their present condition.

16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19/20

Cllr. Best asked the Clerk to confirm if the dispensation was still in place for agenda item 6, planning application 18/00754/FUL (Millers Garage), as all Councillors had a personal interest in the application as it involved a small element of Town Council land. The Clerk confirmed that it was.

Cllr. Head declared a personal interest in agenda item 6, planning application 19/01173/HOU, 68 Hermitage Street, Crewkerne.

17 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

19/20

The Deputy Clerk reported that Hewish Lane would be closed, from the junction of Cathole Bridge Road north-eastwards for a distance of 475 metres from 10 July 2019 for 2 days.

18 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

19/20

18/00754/FUL Millers Garage. 22A East Street, Crewkerne TA18 7AG
Demolition of existing buildings and the change of use of site to a tarmac pay and display car park for 60 vehicles to include lighting columns.
Amended plans: Increase in height of wooden boundary fence to 1.8m as measured from Wyvern Court.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

19/01173/HOU 68 Hermitage Street, Crewkerne TA18 8ET
Demolition of a side extension and the erection of a single storey side extension to dwelling house.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

19/01231/HOU 19 Winyards View, Crewkerne TA18 8HZ
The erection of a single storey rear extension.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL

19 **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT**
19/20 **COUNCIL**

19/00352/HOU 68 Middle Path, Crewkerne TA18 8BG
The erection of a summerhouse (part retrospective)
PERMISSION REFUSED

20 **TO CONSIDER A PROPOSAL BY CLLR. HARTSHORN TO ASK SOUTH**
19/20 **SOMERSET COUNTY HIGHWAYS TO ALTER THE TIMINGS ON THE**
CROSSING ON MARKET STREET FOR A TRIAL PERIOD, TO ASCERTAIN
IF THIS WOULD ALLEVIATE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Cllr. Hartshorn outlined the reason that this proposal was brought before Council: whilst stood on the corner of Market Street and Market Square, it was noticeable that the vehicles on the mini roundabout outside Lloyds bank hardly moved when the traffic was heavy, and the pedestrian lights were activated. Cllr. Hartshorn proposed that if the time between the pedestrian lights being activated and the traffic lights changing to red was increased, more traffic would flow through the town.

Cllr. Best reported that he had spoken with the Traffic Management Team at Somerset County Council who had confirmed that it would be possible to trial a change in timings on the lights. Cllr. Head suggested that, unless the trial was monitored, it would be difficult to evaluate the success or otherwise of a change in the timing of the lights. Councillors nevertheless agreed that there was value in altering the timing of the lights for a trial period.

It was therefore **AGREED** that **Cllr. Best should contact the Traffic Management Team to request a trial for one month, with the timings adjusted between 4pm – 6pm each afternoon.**

21
19/20

TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr. Best suggested to the Council that Crewkerne should have a Neighbourhood Plan and outlined the benefits to the Council.

Following discussion, it was agreed that this should be brought to Full Council as an agenda item. The Clerk was asked to undertake the necessary research and report back to the Council.

22
19/20

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 8 July 2019 at 6.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 7.10 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: