

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Victoria Hall on Monday 11 November 2019 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance:

Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public.

65 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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None received.

66 OPEN FORUM

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A member of the public commented on planning application 19/02750/HOU 18 Barn Close, Crewkerne. Although he had no objections to the application per se, he had concerns regarding the parking for the property, which currently had several vehicles parked on the drive. He felt that the conversion could potentially push more vehicles onto roadside parking, which was already difficult.

The same member of the public also raised concerns regarding blocked gullies in Crewkerne and asked that Highways make a wet weather inspection of the drains.

Another member of the public responded to the issue of blocked gullies in Mount Pleasant and outside Wyvern Court. He reminded Councillors that Highways had reported previously that these drains were blocked, and they intended to put a camera down to identify the problems. To his knowledge, this had not been done.

67 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 14 October 2019 be **APPROVED**.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None

69 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Deputy Clerk reported that Highways had confirmed that the gullies in the town had been cleared between April and June this year. Councillors questioned the validity of the statement from Highways and gave examples of gullies which had not been cleared, including Market Street (east side) and Church Street. It was noted that Highways did not give notice of gully clearing and therefore often could not reach the drain due to parked cars. Councillors argued that, with the continuing inability of Highways to address the issue of blocked gullies, that the Town Council should address the problem directly.

The Deputy Clerk was therefore requested to research the costs of organising gully clearing for the town. It was noted that this would represent double taxation, but Councillors agreed that the issue was urgent and should therefore be investigated.

Cllr. Hartshorn offered to inspect the town's gullies when it was raining and mark all gullies that needed maintenance on a map.

Cllr. Best noted that the Environment Agency had previously suggested a grid across the A30 from Chard into Crewkerne, to divert run off water from the hill onto farmland by Lyewater.

The Deputy Clerk also reported:

- Contact had been made with the Police speed bike co-ordinator, following Cllr. Aslett's comments at the last Council meeting, regarding traffic speeding through the 20mph zone on Mount Pleasant/East Street. Unfortunately, the speed bike could not relocate to the 20mph zone as there was nowhere to park the vehicle safely and visibility of the bike for traffic travelling on the road was not sufficient. The Deputy Clerk suggested the Council consider purchasing their own Speed Indicator Device, and Councillors agreed that this should be investigated.
- Notice had been received regarding from SSAFA (The Armed Forces Charity) regarding VE Day 75 celebrations between 8 – 10 May 2020. Councillors were supportive of a celebration in Crewkerne and suggested liaison with the Crewkerne Branch of the Royal British Legion.
- SSDC were offering their Christmas tree recycling service again this year. In previous years a compound had been installed in Henhayes car park and Councillors were supportive of continuing this service for the town.

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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

19/02750/HOU **18 Barn Close, Crewkerne TA18 8BL**
Conversion of existing garage into ancillary habitable accommodation and alterations to include replacement of existing garage roof with pitched roof.
NO OBJECTION

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

19/01064/OUT **Land adj. to Crossways, Broadshard Road to Furringdons Cross, Crewkerne TA18 7NJ**
Outline application for the erection of 1 no. dwelling and outbuildings.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

19/01980/ADV **12 Market Street, Crewkerne TA18 7LA**
19/01978/LBC Alterations, the decoration of existing shop front, the display of non-illuminated fascia and externally illuminated projecting sign.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

- 19/02265/HOU** **86 Park View, Crewkerne TA18 8JG**
The erection of a two-storey side extension and conservatory to the rear of dwelling house.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/02396/FUL** **Land adj. to 15 Langmead Square, Crewkerne TA18 8EA**
The erection of 1 no. attached dwelling house with associated parking and access.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/02303/ADV** **The George Reynolds Centre, South Street, Crewkerne TA18 8DA**
The display of a temporary electronic scoreboard on the side of the George Reynolds Centre.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/02496/LBC** **17 Market Street, Crewkerne TA18 7JU**
Lowering of existing war memorial plaque.
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS

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

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Cllr. Best reported that Highways had agreed that extra signage alerting drivers to school children crossing was required on Lang Road. Highways also agreed that a dropped kerb would give a natural crossing point for children and would be installed. Maiden Beech School had not responded regarding the provision of a school crossing person.

Cllr. Head updated Councillors regarding the delay in establishing the pavement outside The Pyjama Factory on Abbey Street. The continuing problems were with the developer and SSDC was still in negotiation with them.

73 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 9 December 2019 at 6.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 7.15 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: