

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE on Monday 12 April 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Pailthorpe (Chairman), M. Best, K. Head and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers.

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TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Aslett (personal), R. Cottle (personal), B. Hodgson (unwell), J. Roberts (personal) and A. Stuart (personal).

On behalf of the Council, the Chairman expressed his condolences at the passing of Prince Philip, Duke of Edinburgh and a minute's silence was held as a mark of respect. As HRH Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh had visited Crewkerne in 2012, the Chairman requested that a letter of condolence was sent to the Royal Family.

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OPEN FORUM

Four questions were emailed to the Council, which the Chairman proceeded to read out:

1. *“At the meeting on the 14th December, councillors were asked to consider a request from PC Nally for parking restrictions on the junction of Barn Street and West Street. At the meeting it was agreed that the Deputy Clerk would request a sketch of the location and would also contact Somerset Parking Services to request increased parking enforcement. Could the Council please provide an update on this matter.”*

The Deputy Clerk stated that this point would be covered later in the meeting under Clerk's report.

2. *“With regard to item 8 of this evening's Agenda, Space 4 Crewkerne strongly support the request for segregated cycle paths on the CLR site as raised by a keen cyclist a few weeks ago. We were very disappointed that this matter was not discussed at the Area West committee meeting on 17th March as our correspondence highlighting concerns at shared cycle and footpaths, to only one side of the road, had been included in the Report packs. As Taylor Wimpey had now submitted a variation application 21/0015/NMA to reposition the foot and cycleways the Council has another opportunity to comment and request upgrading to segregated cycle paths in line with the latest Government guidance. The lack of cycle routes in the town was listed as a High Priority in the Transport Study conducted by Somerset County Council in 2006, and some 15 years later this is the first move to create any cycle path, so it should be given the strongest possible support and be built to the latest guidance to give the maximum safety to both cyclists and pedestrians. We hope the Council will take this second opportunity to comment on the application.”*
3. *“I note from the revised S106 agreement on the southern part of Crewkerne key site, Taylor Wimpy have an obligation to contribute £100,000 towards town centre improvements as part of the agreed mitigation and sustainable transport figure of*

£ 635,624.

The £100,000 is payable on commencement of site, which has presumably started with the felling of 3 of the lime trees.

Can Councillors please tell me if this money has already been allocated to a project, and if so, what the project is ...and if not, could Councillors consider entering into negotiations to spend this money on much needed improvements to the town's pavements, as this would fulfil both the criteria of being town centre improvements and sustainable transport, as walking is the least damaging form of travel for the environment."

The Chairman responded to the last question to confirm that a project had not been chosen and that SSDC held the S106 monies. Cllr. Best pointed out that the payment of S106 monies was probably linked to the commencement of building works, although this would need to be checked.

111 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 8 March 2021** be **APPROVED**.

112 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

113 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Deputy Clerk summarised the status of the open actions from previous Planning and Highways Committee meetings:

	Action	Status
Jun 20	A resident had requested information about the one-way system proposed for North Street and any public consultation that was held.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk had forwarded details of the one-way system but was awaiting an answer from Highways regarding the consultation.
Jul 20	Millers Garage. Keep on agenda for regular updates.	Ongoing. No updates at present.
	Removal of the bollards at the Market Street/South Street junction.	Ongoing. The works were scheduled for the middle of this year.
Aug 20	The gully outside the Town Hall was complete but not acceptable.	Highways had now installed drains at either end of the gully.
	The road markings had faded around the town.	Ongoing. Re-lining would take place once the bollards had been removed from the South Street junction with Market St.
Sep 20	Complaints had been received regarding the speed of traffic in the town.	A Speed Indicator Device had been purchased by Crewkerne Town Council. Action closed.
	The beacons on the zebra crossings on Mount Pleasant and South Street were now working but the cover was missing from one of the beacons on	The Deputy Clerk had contacted Highways to inform them. Action closed

	Mount Pleasant.	
Nov 20	The wall which runs alongside the allotments and the footpath to Bincombe Beeches was in need of repair. The conservation officer at SSDC had recommended repair rather than a replacement hedge/fence.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk was in contact with the conservation officer to arrange a site visit.
Dec 20	The white lines on Lyewater stop a vehicles length before the junction with Barn Street and vehicles park in the gap, which is dangerous.	Ongoing. PC Nally had sent a picture of the problem and had requested yellow lines. Item to come back to P&H for discussion.
	A workshop had been requested by Councillors with the Highways engineer to discuss various issues around the town.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk had been waiting for Covid restrictions to lift before arranging the meeting.
	The Deputy clerk had been requested to investigate the process for declassification of the A356 to a "B" road.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk had contacted Highways who had forwarded the request to Traffic Management at Somerset County Council.
	Councillors had asked for extra parking enforcement in the town.	The Deputy Clerk had been informed by Somerset Parking Services that the town was patrolled every other day. Action closed
Jan 21	Ongoing issues with several gullies in the town.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk would put together a spreadsheet showing all problem gullies and forward to Highways.
Feb 21	Locations of 2 extra dog bins to be agreed by Council. Dog fouling poster campaign to be developed.	Locations of dog bins: agenda item for this meeting. Poster campaign: Ongoing. The image that Cllrs discussed for use on the poster had been located and purchasing options being researched.
	Cllr. Best to inform Taylor Wimpey that the town wished to name the roads on the new key site. A page for nominations for road names would be included on the new Town Council website.	Ongoing
Mar 21	Following a presentation by Network Rail regarding the diversion of Henley Footpath railway crossing, a site meeting would be arranged.	Ongoing. The Deputy Clerk had arranged a site meeting with Network Rail and 2 x Councillors to take place in May.
	To keep the status of the old Nat West building on the agenda for updates.	Ongoing. SSDC had made the building safe and Cllr. Best confirmed that SSDC was in dialogue with the owner regarding an undertaking to put a protective cover on the building.
	A planning application had been submitted by Crewkerne Town	Awaiting a licence from the landlords to enable the Council to proceed.

	Council to refurbish the public toilets in Falkland Square.	
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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 21/00657/HOU 5 Bushfield Road Crewkerne TA18 8HL**
Demolition of existing garage and store and erection of two storey and single storey extension.
RECOMMEND APPROVAL
- 21/00756/TCA Chant Trees Foundry Square Crewkerne TA18 8HB**
Notification of intent to fell No.01 tree within a conservation area.
NOTED
- 21/00780/TCA Woodlands Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7AH**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.01 tree and to fell No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.
NOTED

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 19/00953/FUL 18 Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HY**
Demolish existing rear extension and the erection of a two storey rear extension comprising 2 No. flats.
REFUSED
- 20/00149/REM Southern Phase of Crewkerne Key Site Off Station Road Crewkerne TA18 8AJ** Reserved Matters planning application following Outline approval 14/02141/OUT and amended under 19/03483/S73 for up to 110 residential dwellings (Use Class C3) including layout, scale, appearance and landscaping.
APPROVED
- 20/02727/HOU 3 Court Barton Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HP**
Erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling
APPROVED
- 20/02965/FUL 19-23 Kingfisher House Market Square Crewkerne TA18 7LH**
Replacement of section of defective first floor structure. Re-alignment of first floor partition to office. Installation of conservation rooflight to rear roof slope.
APPROVED
- 20/02966/LBC 19-23 Kingfisher House Market Square Crewkerne TA18 7LH**

Replacement of section of defective first floor structure. Re-alignment of first floor partition to office. Installation of conservation rooflight to rear roof slope.

APPROVED

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43 East Street Crewkerne TA18 7AG

Demolition of rear portion of existing dwelling and erection of two storey rear and side extension, with single storey side extension.

APPROVED

21/00225/HOU

29 Winyards View Crewkerne TA18 8HZ

Erection of fence along the side of property.

APPROVED

21/00398/HOU

10 Station Road Crewkerne TA18 8AJ

Modifications to single storey rear extension, including change from flat to pitched roof.

APPROVED

21/00437/PDE

113 Park View Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8JG

Proposed rear extension (i) the projection of the rear extension beyond the rear wall is 4.50 (ii) the maximum height of the extension is 3.65m (iii) the height at the eaves of the extension is 2.40m.

ALLOWED, PERMITTED DEVELOPMENT

21/00532/TCA

1 Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH

Notification to fell No.01 tree within a conservation area

DECIDED – NO TPO NECESSARY

21/00777/TCA

3 Church Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HR

Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.04 trees within a Conservation Area

DECIDED – NO TPO NECESSARY

21/00915/TPO

57 Lyme Road Crewkerne TA18 8HF

Application to carry out tree works to No.01 tree included within South Somerset Council Tree Preservation Order (CREW 1) 2006.

APPROVED

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CREWKERNE KEY SITE

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To consider the point raised by a member of the public regarding the need for segregated footpath/cycleways on the CLR Key Site

It was noted that the reserved matters application 20/00149/REM that had been approved by SSDC included shared cycleways and footpaths. After discussion, Cllr. Best offered to approach Taylor Wimpey directly to discuss the question of shared cycleways and footpaths.

The Deputy Clerk reported that Taylor Wimpey had recently submitted a Non-Material Amendment Planning Application for the movement of 50m of cycleway to allow for the

retention of the lime trees. A call had been made to the Planning Department to ask if the Town Council was a consultee on this type of application.

Cllr. Pailthorpe suggested that either a meeting be organised with Taylor Wimpey or a letter should be sent with a request that they consider separating pedestrians and cyclists. Cllr Best suggested that further discussion should take place regarding the dormouse bridge. The last price for the bridge was approximately £250,000 and there might now be a more cost-effective solution for the dormouse. Any money saved on the bridge could be used for other things.

117 **DOG BINS**

20/21 To consider the locations of two new dog bins and possible change of location of an existing dog bin

The Deputy Clerk explained that SSDC Street Scene had agreed with the suggested location of Kingswood Drive for one new dog bin, but that North Street was a difficult location for the other bin, due to the lack of green space. Ashlands Road had been suggested by SSDC, but it was agreed that a bin was needed closer to the town. After discussion it was agreed to recommend to Street Scene that the second dog bin was placed next to the Town Council's grit bin at the bottom of Brickyard Lane.

Cllr Head noted that there were 4 dog bins on Bincombe and asked how well used they were. The Deputy Clerk was asked to check with the grounds staff.

Street Scene had suggested moving the dog bin from Pullmans Lane to the green space at Orchard Rise. Councillors agreed with the change of location.

Cllr. Head asked for an update on the anti dog fouling poster that was to be produced. Cllr. Wakeman confirmed that the image had been sourced and would be purchased imminently. Quotes would be requested for the design and printing of posters.

Cllr. Head also requested an anti dog fouling sign for the footpath at the top of Bincombe Valley, behind the church. The Deputy Clerk confirmed there was a spare sign in the office and would organise for it to be put up.

Cllr. Pailthorpe asked for a map of dog bins to be uploaded to the CTC website.

118 **PAVEMENTS**

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a. To consider the question raised by a member of public regarding repairs to a pavement opposite the Town Hall

The Deputy Clerk was asked to remind Highways that the Council would like a survey of all the pavements in the town centre to assess their condition.

Cllr. Best reminded Councillors that the work that had been agreed for the pavement on North Street was on the Highways repair list for 2022/23.

b. To note the points raised in the letter from Space4Crewkerne and consider any actions

Councillors noted the letter received from Space4Crewkerne highlighting several issues with pavements around the town including overgrowth from hedges and trees blocking and obscuring visibility for certain roads.

Problems with pavements were also highlighted at Severalls Park Avenue due to root damage and leaf fall from the trees along the avenue. CTC grounds staff had uncovered blocked gullies on Severalls Park Avenue, on the pathway and road. The Deputy Clerk would inform Highways.

Cllr. Best noted that the forthcoming change to local government in Somerset might offer options for Crewkerne Town Council to take over delivery of certain services.

It was agreed that the grounds staff should be asked to report any problems that they see to the office.

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TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr. Best reported on the following:

- The double yellow lines on Mount Pleasant had now been installed, along with a 'no parking' notice on Hermitage Street. Unfortunately, the notice was not being enforced as the yellow lines on Hermitage Street had faded. These would be repainted once the work to remove the bollards at the South Street/Market Street junction was complete.
- There would be a safety audit of the Maiden Beech crossroads as part of the outstanding County Council's Small Improvement Scheme (SIS) for that junction which was to move the 30mph signs back to the Clapton side of the junction. Cllr. Best also reported that County Council had a project called "Twenty is Plenty" which installed 20mph signs outside schools. This would be investigated for Maiden Beech Academy.
- Merriott Parish Council had recommended refusal for the planning application for the development of land at Goldwell Farm for 110 dwellings. The phosphate issue was also holding up new planning applications.
- A question had been raised by a member of the public regarding information that was sent to the Planning Inspectorate for the appeal against refusal of the development of land at the top of Kithill. Cllr. Best confirmed that all information had been sent from SSDC on several compressed files and the inspector had made the decision with all information to hand.
- Lateral flow tests could now be accessed by members of the public and a government website showed which outlets held them. There was not a location in Crewkerne on the website but Cllr. Head confirmed that Boots in Crewkerne stocked them.

Cllr. Head had been contacted by a member of the public regarding dangerous driving of the Zwings e-scooters which were being trialled in Crewkerne. The member of the public had contacted Zwings who had responded very quickly and confirmed that all e-scooters were GPS tracked which meant that any complaints with a day and time given would be tracked back to the hirer and Zwings would withdraw access for those hirers. Cllr. Best added that the wearing of crash helmets had been clarified and it had been confirmed that this was not compulsory.

Cllr. Wakeman requested that Cllr. Best also included the pavement and bank outside the Maiden Beech Academy within the SIS. The bank had slipped, and the pavement was in a bad condition.

Cllr. Wakeman had been contacted by a resident of South Street. Vans and cars were continually parked on the junction of Kithill and South Street. There was concern that the visibility splay was compromised at the junction.

Cllr. Pailthorpe had been contacted by a resident regarding parking within the turning circle at Lyewater. Cllr. Pailthorpe suggested this should be included within the discussions about the yellow lines at the top of Lyewater.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 10 May 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.50 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: