

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE on Monday 14 December 2020 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance:

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and approximately 11 members of the public (via zoom and YouTube).

65 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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None

66 OPEN FORUM

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Two members of the public wished to speak regarding:

1. **Planning Application 20/00149/REM and the potential removal of 8 mature lime trees bordering Station Road.** It was brought to the Council's attention that over 100 people had objected to the developer's plan to remove the trees. The member of the public highlighted that it was contrary to SSDC's environmental plan and asked the Town Council to support the protection of the trees.
2. **Safety measures in North Street.** The member of the public highlighted the narrow width, adverse camber and condition of the pavement in North Street, particularly from Ashlands School to Ashlands Court. She pointed out that northbound Heavy Goods Vehicles frequently mounted the pavement at a pinch point on the bend near Ashlands Court, which had caused the pavement at this point to drop dramatically to the road making the pavement dangerous for pedestrians and mobility scooter users.

The Chairman then read out 2 x emails from members of the public. The first was an objection to the removal of the lime trees bordering Station Road and the second referred to application 20/03157/TCA. Concerns were raised about the unsympathetic clearance of the land, including damage to wildlife habitat in this location.

67 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 9 November 2020 be **APPROVED**.

68 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

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TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

The Deputy Clerk reported:

- The closure of footpaths CH33/60 and CH 33/61 from Barn Street to Birds Close whilst water main repairs were carried out.
- The weight restrictions over the bridge at Misterton had been extended until 21 March 2021.

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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 20/00149/REM Southern Phase of Crewkerne Key Site Off Station Road, Crewkerne**
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.
To further consider the above application, in particular the proposed removal of 8 mature lime trees bordering Station Road.
Although the Council's original comments still stood, they wished to consider the removal of the 8 mature lime trees along Station Road. As such, the Councillors had a copy of the tree officer's report, which was very clear and advised that there should be no need for all the trees to be removed. The Council supported the tree officer's report.
- 20/03067/FUL Land at Blacknell Lane Trading Estate, Blacknell Lane, Crewkerne**
Flexible gas generator plant and associated infrastructure.
Councillors accepted that a facility such as this may be required to cope with a surge in demand of electricity. The site was very close to the planned Crewkerne Key Site residential development, so Councillors asked that the impact of noise was considered and potential noise alleviation measures such as noise barriers may be necessary.
- 20/03215/TCA 43 East Street, Crewkerne TA18 7AG**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No.02 trees within Conservation Area.
NOTED
- 20/03344/PDE 3 Sycamore Drive Crewkerne TA18 7BT**
Proposed Extension of a Solid Roof Conservatory (i) The projection of the proposed extension beyond the rear wall of the existing dwelling is 5.2 metres (ii) the maximum height of the proposed extension is 3.7 Metres (iii) The height of the eaves of the proposed conservatory is 2.6 metres.
NOTED

- 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
NOTED
Councillors were concerned that the intention was to fell 2 mature sycamore trees. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the SSDC tree officer would be making a site visit in the New Year.

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

- 20/02569/HOU 44 Langmead Square Crewkerne TA18 8EB**
Single storey extension to front elevation to increase the size of the living room and include a porch.
APPROVED
- 20/02542/COL 134 Park View Crewkerne TA18 8JJ**
Certificate of lawfulness application for a proposed single storey rear extension to dwelling.
DECIDED
- 20/03010/TCA Bincombe Orchard Poples Well, Crewkerne TA18 7ES**
Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to No 1 Tree within a Conservation Area
DECIDED
- 20/02922/TCA Old Bincombe Poples Well Crewkerne TA18 7ES**
Notification of intent to fell No 1 Tree within a Conservation Area
DECIDED

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20/21 **NORTH STREET**
To consider any measures that would increase the safety of pedestrians on North Street

The Chairman clarified that the North Street one-way system was voted on at the last meeting and that this agenda item was to look at potential measures to increase pedestrian safety on North Street.

A number of proposals were put forward. After discussion, it was agreed that a workshop with a Highways Engineer, should be arranged for Councillors.

Cllr. Best clarified that he had reviewed the pavements with a Highways Engineer and confirmed that adjustment of the camber of the pavement from Ashlands School to the dentist would be included on a work schedule but that the entrance to the new development on North Street would need to be completed before any work would take place.

73 **DECLASSIFICATION OF A356**
20/21 To consider whether an approach should be made to the County Councils of Somerset and Dorset to declassify the A356

Cllr. Best outlined the previous proposal, which had been turned down by Dorset MPs some years prior.

Councillors agreed that it was a good time to revisit the request and the Clerk and Deputy Clerk were asked to compose a formal approach to both Somerset and Dorset County Councils and request clarification of the process to declassify the road.

74 **MILLERS GARAGE CAR PARK**
20/21 To consider correspondence received regarding the layout of the car park

The Correspondence highlighted some concerns regarding pedestrian safety in the new car park. Cllr. Best confirmed that the Project Manager had agreed to install coloured pavers (a yellow brick road) for pedestrians and had also confirmed installation of height restrictions at both ends of the car park along with associated signage.

75 **PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE JUNCTION OF BARN STREET AND WEST STREET**
20/21 To consider the request from PC Nally for parking restrictions on the junction of Barn Street and West Street

The Deputy Clerk was asked to contact PC Nally to request a sketch of the location in which the restriction was suggested. The Deputy Clerk was also asked to contact Somerset Parking Services to request increased parking enforcement in Crewkerne.

76 **TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT**
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Cllr. Pailthorpe confirmed that new dropped kerbs would be installed on both sides of the entrance of the new development at the bottom of Furland Road. Temporary ramps would be installed to allow wheelchair access to the pedestrian crossing.

Cllr. Wakeman had received correspondence regarding inadequate parking on the key site and the inclusion of cycleways from the Crewkerne key site into town.

Cllr. Aslett reported that the No. 7 Café appeared to now be part of Bar 5 on Market Street. As the building was listed Cllr. Aslett was confident that a planning application for change of use should be submitted ~~along with an application to update the alcohol licence~~. Cllr. Aslett had made SSDC aware.

77 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
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Monday 11 January 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.02 p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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