

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an informal meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held remotely on Monday 14 June 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. R. Cottle (Chairman), M. Best, T. Bond, K. Head, B. Hodgson, R Pailthorpe, J. Roundell Greene, A. Samuel, A. Stuart and D. Wakeman.

In attendance:

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 1 member of the public.

12 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Aslett (personal) and Cllr. J. Roberts (work commitments).

13 OPEN FORUM

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A resident of Pithers Court spoke regarding the land adjoining the Pithers Court car park, which is owned by Crewkerne Town Council. She advised the meeting that the land was now very overgrown with shrubs and trees and she was concerned that the roots and weight of the soil would push the tall retaining wall into the car park. She also reminded Councillors that she had raised this issue in a meeting in March 2020.

The Chairman explained that, due to coronavirus, some grounds maintenance tasks had been deferred. He thanked the resident for highlighting the issue at Pithers Court and advised that it should be brought forward to the next Amenities meeting on Monday 12 July.

14 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 10 May 2021 be APPROVED.

15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllr. Stuart declared a personal interest in Agenda item 6, planning application 21/01749/TCA, 19 Mount Pleasant Crewkerne TA18 7AH

16 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

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The Deputy Clerk reported:

- The meeting with Network Rail had taken place and notes from the meeting had been sent to Councillors. Network Rail had advised that their preferred plan would be to move the Henley footpath crossing closer to the existing vehicle level crossing. It would be separate to the existing level crossing with its own pedestrian gates. This would involve diverting two footpaths in the fields adjacent to the railway. The footpaths were within West Crewkerne parish.

The Network Rail regulator must approve all installations of crossings on the railway, and this would not be a certainty. If moving the footpath crossing was approved, Network Rail would then supply plans of the proposals. A bridge would also effectively close the footpath crossing, but it was possible that the expense would be beyond Network Rail and the developer who was funding the closure of the footpath crossing.

Cllr. Best clarified that Network Rail had discounted moving the footpath within the development site at the top of KitHill.

Cllr. Head confirmed that Network Rail had also met with members of the public to advise them of the plans.

- The speed indicator device had been installed in two locations: North Street and Mount Pleasant. Data had been downloaded but included some anomalies. The manufacturer had been contacted and was sending a replacement screen.
- There was an emergency road closure at Pipplepen Lane in North Perrot from 14 to 30 June 2021. This was to alleviate flooding of the railway bridge.

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TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- 21/01251/HOU** **4 Westover View, Brickyard Lane, Crewkerne**
Erection of a single storey extension to front of dwelling for a garage and existing bedroom extension with internal alterations.
Recommend Approval
- 21/01487/HOU** **17 Winyards View, Crewkerne**
Conversion of existing adjoining garage to living space, change existing flat roof over kitchen and garage to pitched roof.
Recommend Approval
- 21/01328/HOU** **10 Laburnum Crescent Crewkerne TA18 7BS**
Erection of a two storey extension to side and a single storey extension to rear of dwelling with the removal of existing conservatory.
Recommend Approval
- 21/01758/P3MPA** **10 West Street Crewkerne TA18 8AX**
Prior approval for the change of use of shop into a residential dwelling house
Cllr. Bond noted that this application was within the conservation area, although the applicant had noted otherwise.
Recommend Approval

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 21/01152/NMA** **Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne TA18 7HE**
Application for a Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 19/03483/S73 to remove approximately 50m of footpath and cycleway and replacement in a new location to allow the retention of trees along Station Road (A356).
Application Permitted

- 21/01156/NMA** **Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East Of Crewkerne Between A30 And A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne TA18 7HE**
 Application for a Non-Material Amendment to planning permission 19/03482/S73 to remove approximately 50m of footpath and cycleway and replacement in a new location to allow the retention of trees along Station Road (A356)
Application Permitted
- 21/00728/FUL** **7-8 Falkland Square Crewkerne TA18 7JS**
 Change of use of premises for a proposed shop-fit for Robert Frith Optometrists
Approved
- 21/00729/ADV** **7-8 Falkland Square Crewkerne TA18 7JS**
 The display of 2 No. non illuminated fascia signs
Approved

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CORRESPONDENCE

To receive correspondence from residents regarding:

- a) Pavements and road surfaces in the town, particularly Popleswell

The Deputy Clerk advised the Councillors that further correspondence had been received from a resident regarding the poor state of the roads and footpaths and offering Councillors an opportunity to ride her disability scooter around the town, on a suggested route.

Cllr. Head advised that the Crewkerne Action for Disability (CAD) group were aware of the letter and the inherent problems within the town. The Chairman was very keen to push Highways for repair of the pavements in the town as many were in very poor condition.

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr. Head would ask CAD to work with the Town Council to produce a survey of the pavements and a report which could be forwarded to Highways.

It was agreed that once Cllr. Head had spoken to CAD the issue should be brought to a future Planning and Highways meeting.

- b) Blocked well at Popleswell

Cllr Best confirmed that this problem had been investigated previously and asked that both Highways and the Environment Agency were informed.

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TO RECEIVE ANY OTHER MATTERS OF REPORT

Cllr. Stuart advised that the Turkish barber in Market Street had installed an internally illuminated sign and asked if a planning application had been received. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that an application had not been received in the office. The Chairman offered to talk to the business to gather further information.

Cllr Bond requested that Highways were contacted regarding the width of the hedge on North Street as it was now so wide that vehicles were often over the white

line on the road, on a bad corner. She reported that the yellow lines had been painted around the hedge, which, if trimmed, could give an extra foot's width on the road.

Cllr. Wakeman noted that users of the gym on South Street were using the towns' pavements as part of their training, whilst carrying weights. He had witnessed a couple of near collisions with members of the public and asked that a letter was sent to request that users of the gym use the field on Henhayes rather than the pavements of the town.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 12 July 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 7.27 p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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