

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Monday 20 May 2019 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. J. Roundell Greene (Chairman), C. Aslett, 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, 5 members of the public and 2 representatives from Eat:Festivals.

01 APOLOGIES

19/20

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. R. Pailthorpe (unwell) and A. Smith (unwell).

02 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM EAT:FESTIVALS

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The representatives from Eat:Festivals updated Council on the plans so far for the food festival in July:

- Closures or part closures of roads were not cost effective for the first festival, therefore public spaces would be used instead, including the Henhayes car park.
- They would work to link the areas with a birthday cake competition, which would involve Alice in Wonderland characters. This would tie in with the 20th anniversary of the start of Somerset Farmers Market.
- The food demo stage would be at Henhayes and Cook school at the Town Hall.
- They were over subscribed by producers and applications were now closed.
- They were just beginning a letter drop to all businesses to encourage them to be involved. They would like retailers to be involved in their place of business.
- A flyer drop was planned for schools in the area.

03 OPEN FORUM

19/20

A member of the public reported on the increase in queued traffic on East Street causing a reduction in air quality from the fumes from idling cars. There was also concern that large vehicles or tractors could not pass on East Street without mounting the pavement, causing damage to the curb stones and creating a danger for pedestrians. They requested that the Council reconsider some type of one-way system in the town and confirmed that many residents of East Street were in agreement with this.

The same member of the public highlighted concerns regarding the potential traffic flow within the Millers Garage car park and the length of time that it was taking for the car park to be built.

The Chairman confirmed that South Somerset District Council had £20,000 earmarked for regeneration of Crewkerne and suggested that an updated traffic survey would be a useful use for this funding.

04 **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 8 April 2019 be **APPROVED**.

05 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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Cllr. Stuart declared a personal interest in agenda item 10 (correspondence regarding traffic in East Street).

06 **TERMS OF REFERENCE**

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To review the Terms of Reference for the Planning and Highways Committee

It was **AGREED** that the Terms of Reference for the Planning and Highways Committee remained valid.

07 **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**

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The Deputy Clerk reported on the following:

1. The bin from outside The Swan Hotel had not been replaced, after it had been removed to allow for scaffolding to be erected during renovations, and that a bin on Lang Road had also been removed. The Deputy Clerk had spoken to SSDC regarding the missing bins and they claimed to have no knowledge of the disappearances but assured the Town Council that they would empty the bins should the Town Council wish to replace them. Councillors requested that the Deputy Clerk investigate the missing bin from outside The Swan Hotel as it was understood that SSDC had removed this bin and should therefore replace it. The Deputy Clerk was also requested to investigate costs for replacing the bin on Lang Road and that the subject of replacement/new bins be added to an Amenities agenda.
2. A road closure for Court Barton on 24 June 2019 for 3 days to allow Wessex Water to carry out defect carriageway works.

08 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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- 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
RECOMMEND APPROVAL subject to following Highways recommendations.
- 19/01152/HOU** **Railway House, Cathole Bridge Road, Crewkerne TA18 8PF**
Erection of two storey & first floor side extensions with balcony to include new roof over existing single storey & extension to existing raised terrace area to rear
RECOMMEND APPROVAL
- 19/01253/TPO** **4 Lambourne Court, Crewkerne TA18 7DF**
Application to carry out tree surgery work to No. 1 Maple included within SSDC Tree Preservation Order (CREW 1) 1988
NOTED.

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TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM THE DISTRICT COUNCIL

- 19/00015/REM Church of St Peter, South Street, Crewkerne TA18 8AA**
Application for reserved matters following approval of 16/03114/OUT for the demolition of existing church and the erection of 7 no. dwellinghouses and parking provision (outline) (reserved matters seeking approval of appearance and scale)
APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/00530/HOU 14 Henley View, Crewkerne TA18 8JD**
Application to 'K' rend the gable end wall of dwelling
APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/00575/HOU 1 Harper Road, Crewkerne TA18 8ED**
Erection of replacement garage/workshop
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/00705/HOU 3 Sycamore Drive, Crewkerne TA18 7BT**
Erection of front extension
PERMISSION GRANTED WITH CONDITIONS
- 19/01105/TCA 2 Lyewater, Crewkerne TA18 8BB**
Application to carry out tree works within a conservation area
APPLICATION PERMITTED
- 18/03714/COU 5 Market Street, Crewkerne TA18 7JP**
Change of use of premises from a shop (Use Class A1) to a micro bar (Use Class A4)
APPLICATION PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS

Notification of Appeal Decision - Appeal Ref: APP/R3325/W/18/3209790

Location: Land off Longstrings Lane, Broadshard Road, Crewkerne
Proposal: Outline application for residential development for up to 4 dwellings
Decision: The appeal is dismissed and planning permission is refused.

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TO RECEIVE CORRESPONDENCE

From two members of the public regarding traffic and parking in the town

The correspondence was noted. Cllr. Best outlined the status of the Millers Garage development and added that the planning application was likely to be considered at the SSDC Area West meeting on 19 June.

Cllr. Best also clarified that a one-way scheme had been drawn up for North Street, but that Highways would not allow the scheme to go ahead until the link road in the key site was built. Cllr. Roundell-Greene considered that, given the amount of time that had elapsed since the last traffic survey had been carried out, it would be valuable to revisit this.

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

19/20

Cllr. Hartshorn reported that several residents had concerns over the poor state of two buildings in Church Street. Cllr. Aslett confirmed that the buildings in question had recently been sold, in their present condition.

Cllr. Hartshorn also raised concern over the number of empty shops in the town.

Cllr. Roundell-Greene suggested that the issue of empty shops in the town centre should be investigated as part of the forthcoming town regeneration plan.

12 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19/20

Monday 10 June 2019 at 6.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 7.28 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: