

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 18.45.

**PRESENT:**

Cllrs. M. Best, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan (Chair), C. Rawe and A. Samuel.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan and Deputy Clerk G. Hughes

This meeting will not be recorded due to technical difficulties.

**037** **TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**  
24/25

Apologies were received from Cllrs. S. Ashton, N. Draycott S. Woodland (personal) and Cllr. A. Stuart (unwell).

**038** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**  
24/25

No declarations of interests were made.

**039** **TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**  
24/25

It was AGREED that the minutes of the Planning and Highways Committee held on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 2024 be APPROVED.

**040** **OPEN FORUM**  
24/25

There were no members of the public present.

**041** **TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT**  
24/25

Over the Christmas holidays there will be a two-day road closure on Lyme Road to allow the removal of dead trees alongside the Wessex Water site.

Next year from mid-January to mid-May Wessex water will be carrying out essential improvements to ensure water quality and a reliable supply. There will be several road closures in place across Bushfield Road, Lang Road and Henley View. Access will be maintained for residents and water supply services will be able to be used as normal.

**042** **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**  
24/25

24/02248/TCA      **St. Bartholomews Churchyard Abbey Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HX**  
Notification only – Notification of intent to carry out Tree Surgery Works to  
No. 1 Tree within a Conservation Area

NOTIFICATION ONLY

24/02153/HOU      **89 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8EX**  
Conversion and extension to existing garage. Remove/infill existing window  
on south elevation and insertion of a rooflight to utility.

24/02154/LBC      **89 Hermitage Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8EX**  
 Conversion and extension to existing garage. Remove/infill existing window on south elevation and insertion of a rooflight to utility.

Councillors commented that they had concerns regarding the size of the extension and the roofline. They felt that the proposal was overbearing and that they supported the view of the Conservation Officer in recommending refusal.

**Recommend: REFUSAL**

24/02297/LBC      **Red Lion Court Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JY**  
 Replace existing bay window on first floor east elevation

Councillors noted that all the windows were currently in a poor condition and were in need of replacement; the proposal would be a visual improvement. As the building is listed (but also social housing), Councillors felt that residents should have secondary glazing. Councillors would recommend the proposal and any further work on the windows if required.

**Recommend: APPROVAL**

043      **TO RECEIVE PLANNING DECISION NOTICES FROM SOMERSET COUNCIL**

24/25

24/02006/COL      **20 Station Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AJ**  
 Application for a lawful development certificate for the proposed demolition of an existing 'lean to' conservatory and filling in the space with a ground floor extension

REFUSED

24/00145/REM      **Land South of Blacknell Lane Industrial Estate Blacknell Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE**  
 Reserved matters application for the approval of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale for the installation of a hydrogen electrolyser plant and associated works including landscaping. In relation to outline approval 21/00574/OUT

APPROVED

24/02249/TCA      **De Combe House Mount Pleasant Crewkerne Somerset**  
 Notification with intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree within a Conservation Area.

DECIDED

24/01746/FUL      **Red Lion Court Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JY**  
 Construction of bin storage units.

APPROVED

044      **FINGERPOST**

24/25      To consider restoration of the Heritage fingerpost at Hewish Lane/Cathole Bridge Road

Councillors commented that the fingerpost needed restoration however it wasn't time critical. It was AGREED to accept the CPRE funding for 2025 and the quotation for the works.

045      **LOCAL PLAN**

24/25      To note Somerset Council's Local Plan and consider responses to the engagement exercise

It was noted that the deadline for responses had been extended to November 30<sup>th</sup>. Councillors commented that the Neighbourhood Plan will be in place before the Local Plan and whether responses should reflect this. It was AGREED to delegate the collation and submission of responses to the Deputy Town Clerk.

046      **TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED ACTION STATUS REPORT**

24/25

Councillors noted the update on Millers Garage and commented that if no planning application was received by the end of February they would like to enquire further.

047      **TO RECEIVE A REPORT FROM THE NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN STEERING GROUP**

24/25

The steering group is now collating photographs and is beginning the process of designating green space.

048      **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24/25

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.20.

Signed: .....

Dated: .....

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