

Minutes of a meeting of the PLANNING AND HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 10th February 2025 at 18.45.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. S. Ashton M. Best, N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Morris, J. Nathan (Chair), C. Rawe, A. Samuel, A. Stuart and S. Woodland

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

061 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

24/25

No apologies were received as all Councillors were present.

062 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/25

No declarations of interests were made. Cllr. Stuart declared an interest in 068/2425 Clammer Hill Lane, due to living in the vicinity. Cllrs. Best and Head declared an interest in planning application 25/00179/P3GPA, however this was for notification only.

063 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 13th January 2024 be APPROVED.

064 OPEN FORUM

24/25

One member of the public was in attendance. He explained that he was assisting Crewkerne Town Council with the Spitfire commemoration and offered to provide any relevant information if requested by the Chair about the suggested road names relating to the spitfire crash in 1942.

065 TO RECEIVE THE CLERK'S UPDATE REPORT

24/25

Clerks Report:

- The yellow box junction at the bottom of Furland Road has been repainted along with the pedestrian crossing and associated road markings.
- A draft copy of the latest Traffic Regulation Order from Somerset Council is currently being advertised for comments. This includes a proposal for double yellow lines at the junction of Orchard Rise and Furland Road.
- As a follow up to the proposal for traffic restrictions along Station Road, Misterton Parish Council will undertake a public consultation with nearby residents. Depending on the outcome of this, the next step would be to ask Highways to include this request as part of the next Area South Amendment Order.
- The fingerpost at the junction of Hewish Lane and Cathole Bridge Road is scheduled for restoration works to begin on 27th February. This work will be part funded by a grant from CPRE.
- There will be an emergency road closure on North Street from 17th February for up to five days. Recently there have been several power outages here and these works hope to resolve

the issue. The extent of the work is unclear until the cable has been unearthed but National Grid will keep the Council informed.

- Furland Road will be closed on the 13th February from 9.30-15.30pm to clear debris from a blocked manhole that is causing flooding in the area.

066 **TO CONSIDER PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

24/25

25/00036/TCA **The Hermitage Pulmans Lane Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8HA**
Notification of intent to fell No. 1 tree and carry out tree surgery works to No. 1 tree within a conservation area.

NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00027/FUL **Waitrose South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DA**
Full planning application to include roof and plant replacement upper deck car park works and façade maintenance.

Recommend: APPROVAL

25/00035/ADV **Waitrose South Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8DA**
Display of rebranded existing Waitrose signage with new building letters, car park signs and window vinyls.

Councillors commented that the works would be a visual improvement and that the improvements represent an investment in the town.

Recommend: APPROVAL

25/00179/P3GPA **Units 2 3 and 4 Victoria Shopping Mews Market Square Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7LE**
Prior approval for proposed change of use from Commercial, Business and Service use (Class E) to mixed use including up to two flats (Class C3). This proposal is for a part change of use to convert the upper floor commercial office space into two new living units, whilst retaining the shops on the ground floor.
NOTIFICATION ONLY

25/00132/DOC1 **Crewkerne Key Site 1 Land East of Crewkerne Between A30 and A356 Yeovil Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7HE**
Discharge of condition No. 7 (Scheme of tree and hedgerow protection measures) of Planning Application 23/0006/REM.

Councillors acknowledged the comprehensive nature of the Arboricultural Impact Report and noted that it demonstrated an overall net gain.

Recommend: APPROVAL

The Deputy Clerk was asked to seek further clarification regarding the proposed pedestrian crossing, and whether its completion is a condition that must be met before any houses on the Northern site can be occupied.

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

24/25

- 24/02875/HOU **20 Station Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8AJ**
Demolition of an existing lean to conservatory and the erection of single storey rear extension
- APPROVED
- 24/02730/ADV **23 Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JU**
Display of 1 No. non-illuminated fascia sign and 2 No. non-illuminated 'other' LH and RH window signs (retrospective)
- APPROVED
- 24/02399/LBC **23 Market Street Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7JU**
Proposed signage installation and re-decoration of existing shopfront fascia and glazing mullions (implemented)
- APPROVED
- 24/02625/TCA **East Grove Popleswell Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7ES**
Notification of intent to carry out tree surgery works to No. 2 trees within a Conservation Area
- DECIDED

068 **TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON CLAMMER HILL LANE**

24/25

Cllr. Stuart left the room.

The Deputy Clerk explained that in 2024 the Council received several reports regarding members of the public driving their cars to the top of Clammer Hill Lane where it narrows to a footpath. After reporting this to Highways they installed a new nameplate at the entrance of the lane with the addition of a 'no through road' sign.

This year there has been another report of the same type of incident. Somerset Council manage a system called One Network which provides real time data from local highway authorities and shows current and scheduled roadworks. This platform then updates to sat nav systems. Highways have now updated the system to highlight that Clammer Hill Lane is classified as a footpath not a highway and therefore should not be included on their advised routes.

Cllr. Stuart returned to the meeting.

069 **TO CONSIDER QUOTATIONS FOR SIGN CLEARANCE AND CLEANING**

24/25

- Councillors noted that not all signs now require cleaning and questioned whether a 20m clearance was necessary.
- The EHM scheme and its initial issues were discussed. Some Councillors expressed a loss of confidence in the pilot, while others felt the contractor should not be discounted, as completing these smaller tasks would significantly improve the town's overall appearance.
- It was agreed for the Deputy Clerk to seek alternative quotes; however these would need to be Highways specific and a Streetworks licence would still be required.

070 **TO CONSIDER STREET NAMES FOR CREWKERNE KEY SITE PHASE 2A.**

24/25

- Councillors discounted some of the suggested names due to their association with well-known individuals or their similarity to existing street names in the town.
- Councillors agreed to proceed with six textile-related names (Tenter, Horner, Sailcloth, Twill, Draper, and Serge) and two nature-related names (Linden and Parrett). The Deputy Clerk was asked to check for any previously suggested but unused names from the last development phase.
- Councillor Best will endeavour to extend the deadline so this can be brought back to a future meeting.

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

24/25

Councillor Best provided a verbal update on the Miller's garage site, informing that ahead of a planning application, the architects have arranged a public consultation. This will take place on Thursday, 6th March, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm in the Council Chamber.

Discussion then took place around some matters of report:

- The wall at Rose Lane is deteriorating further and Councillors were advised to continue to report this.
- The faulty light on Rose Lane has now been repaired.
- Some Councillors noted that the new bin was larger than expected and that the smell could deter people from using the nearby bench. Others felt that its use was positive, as it helped prevent litter across the town.

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

24/25

The Clerk reported that the Consultation draft has now been sent to the Planning Consultant for review. The steering group are now working on a survey for some of the groups that weren't represented as part of the initial survey.

Councillors then discussed the following points:

- Cllr. Ashton reported that a resident of Orchard Lane has been approached by a company asking for a financial contribution towards maintenance costs.
- The Deputy Clerk was asked to add all grit bins to the Action Status Report to monitor the levels.
- Councillors wished to appeal to the community to continue picking up any dog mess.
- Crewkerne Town Council will be represented at a flooding meeting with Adam Dance MP. Councillors were encouraged to send the Clerk any specific areas that are an issue.
- There are continued parking issues at Brickyard Lane/Tannery Court which are worse during school drop off and pick up times. The school don't appear to be using their rear car park. The Deputy Clerk was asked to write to the Headteacher. Councillors were reminded that if people are unable to leave their properties, this can be reported on the Police website.

073 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

24/25

Monday 10th March 2025, 18.45 in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square

The meeting closed at 19.30.

Signed:

Dated:

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