

## **Minutes of the West Crewkerne Parish Council Meeting held at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

Present:- Mrs J Borland (Chairman), Mr J Wyatt, Mr S Wetherall, Mr H Ploszek, District Councillor Mrs S Osborne and the Clerk Mr C D Payne. There was one member of the public present.

Apologies:- Mrs S Swaffield, Mr F Broom and County Councillor Mrs K Turner.

### Public Open Forum:-

Mr R Jeffery advised that the wooden bridge on the footpath was still slippery in wet conditions and offered to put sand on it when needed. His offer was accepted.

The Clerk was asked to discuss the travellers site with the planning department as it had been subject to a number of changes.

Declarations of Interest:- Mrs J Borland – The Former Sewage Treatment Site.

The minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> November 2011, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

### Matters Arising:-

1) Mr H Ploszek advised that he was still considering the possibilities of a parish web site but was concerned at the level of costs that could be incurred. He felt that there was sufficient coverage in the area from existing web sites but would liaise with Mrs J Borland to discuss any possible opportunities.

### Traffic Speed through Clapton:-

Speed Watch Signs had not been received and Mrs J Borland confirmed that she would follow them up. Speed Watch was due to resume again shortly, after the holiday break. No SID results had been received since the last meeting and notification had been received that the monitoring due for Clapton Mill commencing 28<sup>th</sup> November 2011 was suspended due to staff absences. The Clerk challenged this action and had received a full explanation from Mr Grabham.

### Planning Applications:-

- 1) 11/03357/LBC – Middle Manor & Dower House, Henley. – The erection of an entrance gate to the side passage. – Approved by SSDC.
- 2) 11/03632/FUL – Glen View & Blue Boy Filling Station, Clapton. – Demolition of dwelling, outbuildings and former garage workshop and the erection of 2 dwellings with associated access and parking. – Approved by SSDC.
- 3) 11/03500/fUL – Manor Farm, Hewish. – The erection of a lean-to store to the rear of the carport. – Approved by SSDC.
- 4) 11/04368/FUL – Land & Garage at Rick Barton, Hewish. – Extension & change of use of garages. – Permission refused.
- 5) 11/00476/FUL – The Coach House, Henley Manor. – Insertion of roof light to west roof elevation and annexe. – Approved by SSDC.
- 6) 11/04503/LBC – Hewish Mill Farm, Hewish. – Restoration and internal alterations to the Cottage. – No objections.
- 7) 11/04505/LBC & 11/04504/FUL – Hewish Mill Farm, Hewish. – Dairy Parlour conversion to form 2 holiday let dwellings. – No objections.
- 8) 11/04944/FUL – Hinton Park Farm, Hinton St. George. – Erection of a new grain dryer and store. – No objections.

### Bus Services:-

Notification had been received that Somerset County Council were proposing to reduce public transport subsidies which could have a serious impact on the bus service through Clapton. It was recommended that everyone completed a survey being conducted by SCC expressing their views on the proposals. District Councillor Mrs S Osborne outlined her plan of action and drew members attention to a presentation being held in the Council Chambers at SSDC, Brympton Way, Yeovil at 7.00 on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> January 2012.

### The Former Sewage Treatment Site:-

The Clerk had written to Poole & Co Solicitors advising them that the parish council were no longer proceeding with the purchase of the land. At the time of the meeting no acknowledgement had been received .

The Clerk was asked to advise Dianne Layzell of this decision as the District Council were looking to seek an alternative use for the land.

### Highway Matters:-

Bridleways – Details had been received of action being taken by South Somerset Bridleways Association where they were applying to Somerset County Council to have around 200 rights of way reinstated on the Definitive Maps which they claim were mistakenly missed off. District Councillor Mrs S Osborne advised the meeting of the potential impact of this action and asked any landowner who received notification that changes were being considered to rights of way on their land, to treat the notification with a degree of urgency.

### Reports from Councillors:-

A written report had been received from County Councillor Mrs K Turner which covered Bus Services as above, Library Services – The decision by SCC to cut services had been deemed unlawful; Youth Services – A reduction in funding which could see closure of a number of Youth Clubs.

District Councillor Mrs S Osborne spoke on the ongoing consultation of the Core Strategy and Local Plan. Work was also being carried out on the District Council Budget with a figure being set in February.

Mrs J Borland encouraged more people to report local problems, particularly potholes, as the system of rectifying these was very efficiently.

There was nothing to report from the Burial Board.

### Finance:-

1) There were no accounts to pay.

2) The Precept for 2012/13 was discussed using figures provided by the Clerk. There was no known additional expenditure due during the next financial year and it was agreed not to increase the figure from the present amount of £5000.00. Proposed – Mr J Wyatt. Seconded Mr H Ploszek. Carried.

### Correspondence:-

1) Avon & Somerset Police Authority – 2012-13 Budget Consultation Survey. – To Mrs J Borland to complete.

2) Potato Day – Drimpton Village Hall 11.2.12. – A poster to be displayed on the notice board.

3) Neighbourhood Plan. – Initial details had been received following the Localism Act 2011. Further and more comprehensive details to follow.

4) Changes at the Recycling Centre – A poster to be displayed on the notice board.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2012 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.35 pm.