

Minutes of a meeting of West Crewkerne Parish Council held at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall on Tuesday 13th November 2012.

Present:- Mrs J Borland (Chairman), Mr J Wyatt, Mr F Broom, Mr H Ploszek, Mrs S Swaffield, District Councillor Mrs S Osborne and Mrs A Ploszek, co-opted to take the Minutes. There were eight members of the public.

Apologies:- Mr S Wetherall, and the Clerk Mr C D Payne

Absent:- Mrs K Turner

Public Open Forum:-

Mr M Wilson is concerned about the state of the drains in the Parish. Mr Ploszek said he had spoken to Mr P Watkins of the Highways Department who informed him of the cutbacks but that he would see what could be done. Mr Ploszek also said he himself had unblocked a ditch drain which had improved the situation in Woolminstone. A large amount of field water running through a field gate onto the road by the ford in Woolminstone caused concern and Mr Ploszek agreed to look into it. Mrs Borland reiterated that blocked drains and potholes be reported by phone to the District Council, or to Crewkerne Town Hall Receptionist, who forwards the complaint.

Mr Jeffery was concerned about road safety, speeding through Clapton, Cathole Bridge Road crossroad, and the mini roundabout in Crewkerne. Mrs Borland said this is Crewkerne Town and district council matter.

Declarations of Interest:-

Mrs S Swaffield – Planning – 3 The Cottage, Hewish and Land at Watery Lane.

The minutes of the meeting held on 11th September 2012, having been previously circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:-

Bulbs for Planting: Mrs Borland has planted one bag of bulbs and brought another bag for distribution

Equestrian Centre: Mrs Borland said that Mr A Gunn is still chasing the agent.

Retrospective Planning Permission – Fuzzy Ground, Mr J Hughes has been asked for architect drawings, and has complied.

Training for Neighbourhood Planning: Mrs J Borland, Mr J Wyatt & Mr H Ploszek will attend this meeting on 14 November 2012.

Traffic Speed Through Clapton:-

Mrs Borland had spoken to the Police about this and was informed that the problem was worse in Roundham with average detected speed at 56 mph. The speed camera van is being placed there, and there appears to be a reduction in speed in Clapton. Nevertheless, since the closure of the Beaminster Tunnel, the traffic has increased by 25%.

Planning Applications:-

A) 12/02381/FUL – 3 The Cottage, Hewish – Part change of use of land from agricultural land to residential and the erection of a single storey extension. Original application withdrawn and replaced by 12/03298/FUL. – Approved by SSDC.

B) 12/03089/ADV – Yarcombe Woodland Products Ltd – Display of 2 non illuminated signs on land at the junction of A30 Mangle Cave Hill. – Application Withdrawn.

C) 12/02854/S73 – Furland Cottages, Merriott. – Application to vary condition No2 of planning permission 11/00265/FUL dated 10.03.2012. – Approved SSDC.

D) 12/00839/FUL – Ivy Cottage, Hewish. – The erection of a 2 storey extension to the south elevation – revised and retrospective application. Approved SSDC

- E) 12/03248/FUL – Land at Watery Lane, Clapton Road. – The erection of an extension to existing agricultural building and the erection of 2 further agricultural buildings. – Approved SSDC
- F) 12/0934/FUL – Hillview Riding Stables, Cathole Bridge Road, Clapton TA18 8PA – Formation of stone surface track (GR 34307/107834) – No objections.
- G) 12/03885/FUL – Fuzzy Ground, Clapton Road, Clapton TA18 8PW – Replacement of mobile home with the erection of 1 no 1 Gypsy Lodge (GR 343956/107675) – No objections.

Highway Matters:-

A map of the Somerset roads which will be salted during the coming winter will be placed on the Village Hall notice board, and further information is available on the SCC website, when salting will take place. There is a remaining stock of 18 x 20Kg road salt bags from last winter distributed around the Parish at five addresses, co-ordinated by Mr Ploszek, and 10 further bags will be collected from the South Somerset Area Depot in Yeovil on 24th November 2012. Any volunteers for salt storage & spreading, to contact the co-ordinator.

The New Code of Conduct for Councillors:-

In accordance with the Localism Act 2011, the West Crewkerne Parish Council adopted the New Code of Conduct at this meeting. Proposed by Mr Ploszek and seconded by Mr Wyatt – Adoption carried.

Police & Crime Commissioner Elections – 15th November 2012

The Chairman invited everybody to vote at the coming election.

Reports from Councillors:-

District Councillor Mrs S Osborne briefed the meeting on several matters including a Health & Wellbeing Fund of £10,000 available to County Councillors (Mrs K Turner) for distribution in their designated areas, such as a recent donation of £2000 to Henhayes; and work being carried out on Economic Development Strategy 2013 – 2015 plans.

Mr F Broom has done his best to clear drains by his property in Clapton, to no avail, due to SSDC's failure to recognise the drainage solution he has offered them in the last decade. The Chairman readily agreed that flooding is noticeably worse, and would arrange a site meeting.

From the floor, Mr R Jeffery requested to address the District Councillor – approved. He stated he had been refused planning permission for a building on his land 2 years ago, and enquired what the planning strategy was. Mrs Osborne suggested he apply again, since the rules have changed substantially recently.

Finance:-

A review of accounts to half year ended 30th September 2012 was carried out, and noted that payments so far totalled £4284.13 out of a £5000 precept. Details at Appendix 1.

Two Cheques were issued and countersigned for software to Allen Computers of £36, and the subscription of £20 to SALC.

Correspondence:-

- (1) Environment Directorate SCC requested a volunteer Parish Path Liaison Officer(s) to inspect footpaths or act as contact person.
- (2) A War Memorial Bulletin for young people
- (3) A reminder for the Parish Precept 2013/14 to be presented by 31st January 2013

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 8th January 2013 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.45 pm.

West Crewkerne PC - Half Yearly Review of Accounts – as at 30th September 2012

Appendix 1
to Minutes of a Meeting
13 Nov 2012

RECEIPTS		Precept	Interest	Total
13/04/2012	Precept	5000.00		5000.00
29/06/2012	Interest		0.68	
28/09/2012	Interest		0.53	
	Total	5000.00	1.21	5001.21

PAYMENTS		Audit	Grants	Admin	B Board	Insurance	Salary/Tax	VAT	Total
08/05/2012	Burial Board				2260.00				2260.00
08/05/2012	Zurich					225.00			225.00
08/05/2012	Clapton & Wayford V H		500.00	60.00					560.00
10/07/2012	Moore Stephens	120.00						24.00	144.00
10/07/2012	Allen Computers			500.00				receipt ?	500.00
11/09/2012	HMRC						96.20		96.20
11/09/2012	C D Payne			19.10			479.20	0.63	498.93
	Total	120.00	500.00	579.10	2260.00	225.00	575.40	24.63	4284.13

BUDGET		Precept	30/09/2012	To Pay
	Burial Board	2260.00	2260.00	
	Grants	500.00	500.00	
	Insurance	225.00	225.00	
	Clerks Salary & Exp	1183.00	575.40	607.60
	General Admin	300.00	79.10	220.90
	Audit Fees	120.00	120.00	
	Reserves	412.00	500.00	
	Total	5000.00	4259.50	828.50
	VAT		24.63	
	Total Inc VAT		4284.13	

Balance 30/09/2012	3713.78
Budget Items to pay	828.50
Total	2885.28
Allocated Reserves	(750.00)
Unallocated Reserves	2135.28

(Provision for legal fees re land purchase)