

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th September 2016 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

Mr Don Yeomans

Mrs Caroline Broom

Mr Frank Freeman

Mrs Sue Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor)

Mr John Dyke (Somerset County Councillor)

Also present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)

7 Members of the Public

Meeting commenced at 7.05pm

1. Apologies for Absence

Mrs Julia Borland

Mr Barrie Carter

2. Public Open Forum

Mr D Yeomans stated that Mrs J Borland had asked SALC if they could arrange a course that shows how the Parish Council, District Councils and County Council work and interact with one another.

Mrs A Pyke & Mr L Graham-Gleed stated that on the top left hand side of Stakers Cross Lane there appeared to be some drilling taking place in a strip of land of 1.7 acres and there was nothing on the South Somerset District Council website to show any planning application had been made. Mr D Yeomans stated that the land had been sold on e-bay and apparently the present owner was considering putting four holiday cabins on the land. The consensus of the meeting was that the Clerk should write to the planning department of South Somerset District Council and alert them as to possible buildings being placed on the land.

Mr R Alcock then raised the question of the planning applications in respect of 9 Lily Court Clapton Road Clapton Crewkerne. Mr R Alcock read out various passages of the Standing Orders for Parish Councillors which dealt with conduct of Councillors and the minuting of the actions of Councillors and then asked why Mrs J Borland e-mail of the 3rd April 2016 on the Planning Application on 9 Lily Court of 25th February 2016 was not minute anywhere in the West Crewkerne Parish Council Minutes. Mr R Alcock also stated that Mrs J Borland had stated in that e-mail to the planning officer that the Parish Council had no objections to the planning application. However on the planning application submitted on the 16th June 2016 Mrs J Borland had stated that the Parish Council had no objection to the Planning Application on 9 Lily Court

but that the boundary into the field adjacent to 9 Lily Court should be maintained and not further encroached as their appeared to be an area in this field that had been cultivated into a garden. Mr R Alcock's point was that on the application there was no objection from the Parish Council with no stipulations but that the application of the 16th June the Parish Council had put forward these stipulations. Mr R Alcock implied these stipulations had come from Mrs C Broom (Parish Councillor) and that she should have declared an interest in this planning application and it should have been minute in the Parish minutes as it was her husband's aunt that sold the land to Mr & Mrs R Alcock. Mrs C Broom stated that she had not discussed this planning application with anyone but the Chairman of the Parish Council. Mr D Yeomans stated that he obviously could not comment on what Mrs J Borland had said but would ask Mrs J Borland to contact them and try to resolve this matter.

Another parishioner asked if the local plan had been agreed? At this point in the meeting Mrs S Osborne had not arrived at the meeting. Mr J Dyke (Somerset County Councillor) stated that as far as he was aware the Local Plan had been agreed 18 months ago but that South Somerset District Council did not have a 5 year land for housing. The parishioner stated that he had a field that he could build 4 low cost houses to attract younger people into the village because without young people coming into the villages and the communities they will cease to function as communities. Mr J Dyke stated he could put his proposals to South Somerset District Council.

3. **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda (Pecuniary or non-statutory interests).**

None

4. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2016.**

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 12th July 2016 were proposed by Mr F Freeman and seconded by Mrs C Broom. All councillors present were in favour.

5. **Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.**

No Matters arising from the minutes.

6. **Planning Matters**

A): 16/02780/FUL, 9 Lily Court, Clapton Road, Clapton Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RA. Change of use of land from agricultural to residential and erection of a single storey rear extension (part retrospective).

This planning application has now been granted with conditions.

7. **Highway Matters**

Mr D Yeomans stated that Mrs J Borland had had a meeting with Crewkerne Town Council and the Somerset County Council Highways department. At the meeting it was agreed to move the 30mph sign back to the other side of the junction, so that the speed limit was more visible. The Highways department stated that it would be done within this financial year.

Mr J Dyke advised caution on this matter because it would depend how much money was left in the Highways budget by the middle of February 2017 as County's financial year finished at the end of March. Mr J Dyke stated that when the window opens for the small improvement scheme he is proposing with the Parish Council approval to put forward the Cathole Bridge Crossroads within this scheme to improve the visibility coming out of the Cathole Bridge Road.

Mr D Yeomans stated that a poor job had been done on Higher Farm Lane Woolminstone by the Highways Department. Mr J Dyke stated that the Highways Department at Somerset County Council needs to be advised so that they can take the matter up with the Contractor.

The Parish Clerk stated that she had written to Mr R Newman whose farm borders Higher Farm Lane in Woolminstone and asked him to clear the ditches on this lane. She had enclosed a copy of the map Mr L Graham-Gleed had kindly drawn indicating the ditches that need to be cleared. The Parish Clerk had also written to Mr M Fear of Highways Department at Somerset County Council asking him if he would flush out the drains on Higher Farm Lane Woolminstone as these were not done when the drains in the rest of Woolminstone were done. The Parish Clerk also sent a copy of Mr L Graham-Gleed map indicating the drains that needed flushing to Mr M Fear. Mr D Yeomans also stated that the gully on High Stakers Cross Lane needs to be dug out.

Mr G Coleman the estate manager for Coombe Farm telephoned the Parish Clerk regarding her letter. He stated that the foreign fruit lorries that deliver for Yeo Valley products have been instructed to use the post code for the top Coombe Farm which will take them into the farm off the A30. Mr G Coleman hopes that this will alleviate the problem. Mr H Ploszek stated that he had had to redirect a large lorry who was delivering farm supplies to the Dairy Farm at Coombe Farm back from Clapton to Coombe Farm, so it is not only the fruit lorries but other lorries that are getting lost around the villages of West Crewkerne Parish.

The resurfacing work was carried out in Clapton but a poor job was done and was supposed to be done again on the 12th September but the Contractors have not come back on the 12th September.

8. Reports from Councillors, including District and County Councillors.

The Vice-Chairman asked for any reports. Mr F Freeman and Mrs C Broom Parish Councillors had nothing to report.

Mr J Dyke Somerset County Councillor stated that money was going to get tighter to spend on services as the Government was decreasing the Revenue Grant given to Councils each year. Adult care services in Somerset take a large proportion of the budget for Somerset and it may mean that other services will suffer. Mrs Alcock stated that the same problems are faced by Dorset County Council as she works in domiciliary care and there are not many providers to actually provide the care packages needed. Mr J Dyke stated that the rule book needs to be looked at and possibly amended but there are going to be cuts in services as there is not enough money to go around.

Mr J Dyke also asked if the Parish Council were aware that all household waste centres have introduced a permit scheme from the 1st October 2016. If you go to a household waste centre with a trailer or van you need a permit to dispose of your

rubbish. The scheme has been introduced to try to stop commercial waste being disposed of at household waste recycling centres. Mr Alcock said would this not increase fly tipping?

Mrs S Osborne South Somerset District Council stated that the South Somerset District Council had had some success in prosecuting fly tippers but the problems was actually catching people fly tipping and proving it was them. So if members of the public see any fly tipping please report it to the District Council.

Mrs S Osborne also stated that a new Chief Executive had been appointed for South Somerset District Council he comes from Eastleigh Council.

The District Council was also looking at the Government's Offer to Rural District Councils that instead of the Revenue Grant they could take a cash settlement. The District Council needs to weigh up the options on this offer.

Yarlington Housing Association are disposing of the last Council House in Clapton but Mrs S Osborne as District Councillor has objected to the sale on the grounds there will be no affordable housing in West Crewkerne Parish. However the Housing Association does not have to discuss their decision with either the District Council or the Parish Council.

9. Finance

A) To pay:-

1. Clerk Salary of £144.50 plus travelling expenses of £19.80 =£164.30

Cheque No.256

2. HMRC of £36.00 Cheque No.255

B). SALC £13.00 for Audit course in May. This should read £15.00 and is Cheque No.252

C). Clapton and Wayford Village Hall for the hire of meeting room £57.60 Cheque No.253

D). Grant to the Clapton and Wayford Village Hall of £750.00 Cheque No.254

10. Correspondence

SWP monthly reports for May, June, July and August.

SID for May, June and July.

SCC Listening, learning and Changing.

Flood Prevention newsletter.

New measures at recycling centres.

Closure of Cathole Bridge Road 27th September

Somerset Foundation Newsletter

Closure of Hewish Gates on the 28/09/16

All Parish Councillors confirmed they had received all the above correspondence and some of the correspondence was on the Parish Website.

11. What progress has been made with the Planning department of South Somerset District Council regarding the number of cars parked at Mr Hughes' property at Furzy ground? Planning enforcement does not report back on cases, all we can do is resubmit our query if no progress appears to have been made.

Nobody at the meeting appeared to know if the cars had been removed.

- 12. To confirm that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 8TH November 2016 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.**
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Meeting closed at 8.05pm

Chairman