

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland
Mr Don Yeomans
Mr Frank Freeman
Mrs Caroline Broom
Mr John Dyke County Councillor

Also present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. The Chairman of the Old Parish Council Mrs Julia Borland declared the meeting opened and welcomed the newly elected Parish Councillors to the meeting. Mrs Borland then stood down as Chairman.

The Parish Clerk then invited nominations from the Parish Councillors for the posts of;

Chairman – Mrs J Borland proposed by Mr Don Yeomans and seconded by Mr Frank Freeman. No other nominations for this post. Mrs J Borland elected as Chairman.

Vice-Chairman – Mr D Yeomans proposed by Mrs J Borland and seconded by Mrs C Broom. No other nominations for this post. Mr D Yeomans elected as Vice-Chairman.

Joint Burial Committee – Mrs J Borland, Mrs C Broom and Mr F Freeman all elected to stand on this committee. Mr D Yeomans decline to stand as he has ongoing issues with the amount of grant given to the Joint Burial Committee by West Crewkerne Parish Council.
2. Mrs J Borland Chairman welcomed the new Parish Councillors and introduced them to the meeting, Mr Don Yeomans , Mr Frank Freeman and Mrs Caroline Broom. No apologies of absence received.
3. **Public Open Forum.**

Mr J Dyke Somerset County Councillor stated that Somerset County Council were not accepting the contract from B.T. for Broadband in this area. They had opened the contract up to other competitors. Mr D Yeomans stated that as he understood, Hewish were now linked to high speed broadband and Woolminstone are expected to be connected to fibre optic Broadband in October/November of this year.
4. **To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 28th April 2015**

The Parish Clerk stated that she had forwarded copies of the above minutes by

e-mail to all the Parish Councillors at the 28th April 2015 and also to the South Somerset District Councillor and the Somerset County Councillor at that date. No objections or amendments had been received to the minutes. The Chairman signed the minutes as a true and accurate record of the meeting of the 28th April 2015.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

The Chairman Mrs J Borland had stated that the Parish Council had stated in the minutes that it was going to issue an invitation to Mr M Fear of the Highways Department of Somerset County Council to attend this meeting to discuss Highway Matters. In view of the fact that this was the first meeting of the new Parish Council Mrs J Borland felt that it was more prudent to invite him to the September Meeting and to invite Wayford Parish Council and Parishoners to join us.

Mrs J Borland also stated that although she was elected at the last meeting as the Councillor to represent West Crewkerne Parish Council on the Crewkerne Joint Burial Board Committee she was unable to do so as at the time of the next meeting of the Crewkerne Joint Burial Board, West Crewkerne Parish Council was inquorate and therefore Mrs J Borland went along to the meeting as a member of the public.

6. Planning Matters.

A): 15/00939/FUL Land OS5711, Clapton Road, Clapton, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PW. The replacement of mobile home with the erection of 1 No. Gypsy Lodge (Revised Application) (Part Retrospective). (GR342605/108132)

Application permitted with conditions.

Mr D Yeomans stated that he understood that one of the conditions of planning application was for the hedge to be cut back. This has not been done. Mrs Borland would check as to whether one of the conditions was that the hedge be cutback. This had been one of the Parish Council's concerns when they made their observation comments on the planning application.

B): 15/00220/FUL A H Warren Trust Ltd Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RR. Demolition of existing stables and store building, erection of building to provide function room, café and retail unit. (GR341040/109531).

Consultation ongoing.

C):15/00480/FUL Unit D, Lower Coombe Farm, Roundham, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RL. Alterations and extension of existing agricultural storage building. Temporary change of use to Use Class A1 (retail – to include the sale of guns and clothing) (GR341615/109700).

Consultation ongoing.

All Parish Councillors having recently attended a planning training session run by SSDC unanimously agreed that neither B or C listed planning applications met the Planning Policy SS2 criteria. The Chairman would accordingly write to the Planning Officer concerned with both these applications with Parish Council's recommendation for refusal for both stating that neither met the criteria required under SS2.

D): 15/01503/FUL. The Coach House, Henley Manor, Henley, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PQ. The erection of a porch to front elevation under the existing canopy. (GR344061/107583).

Application permitted with conditions.

The Parish Council had no objections to this planning application.

E): 15/01504/LBC. The Coach House, Henley Manor, Henley, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8PQ. The erection of a porch to front elevation under existing canopy. (GR344061/107583).

Application permitted with conditions

The Parish Council had no objection to this planning application.

7. Highway Matters

Mr D Yeomans stated potholes on the lane to Newmans Farm had been marked for repair. Others on the road leading to Woolminstone from the B3165 were not marked. There was also a drain marked for filling in because the Highways department had not realised it was a drain. Mr Yeomans had spoken to Mr Paul Watkins at Highways Department at Somerset County Council and he had agreed to get the potholes filled in within the next 28 days and repair an area of road opposite Mr Wetheralls' farm entrance. Also Mr D Yeomans has requested that the white line be reinstated at the junction of Stakerscross Lane leading to Newmans Farm and Hewish. Mr D Yeomans stated that in relation to Woolminstone he had spoken to Paul Watkins regarding the clearing of the drains. Mr Watkins had stated there was no point in clearing the drains until the ditches were cleared. The ditches in question were on land owned and rented by Mr Johnson and also ditches belonging to Lyminster Farm owned by Mr Mark Warner. Once the ditches were cleared then Somerset County Council would clear the drains. Mr Yeomans requested that the Parish Council sends a formal request to Mr Johnson to clear the ditches asking for a time scale of when the work would be completed by.

If potholes that need repairing in the parish can be identified, then send a report to Highways Department Somerset County Council and copy Mr J Dyke into the e-mail, so he can add his weight as a County Councillor if necessary.

Mr D Yeoman stated that Somerset County Council have a statutory obligation and a duty of care to maintain all roads and clear drains in the County. A report also has to be done each year on the state of the roads and Mr Yeomans would like to see a copy of the last report for the Parish.

Mrs J Borland stated that British Telecom were digging up the road in Winsham and because of the heavy plant they had brought in, the buses especially the No.99 bus were unable to get through Winsham. Nobody from British Telecom had been in touch with the Highways Department of Somerset County Council. Mr J Dyke had been in touch with the Highways Department and they had been in communication with British Telecom and instructed them to go through the proper channels before continuing with their roadworks.

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

Mr F Freeman- No report

Mrs C Broom – No report

Mrs J Borland – No report

Mr J Dyke - The Councillor had been to 2 meetings that he felt had some significance for the Parish Council. The first meeting was the Demographic growth of Somerset . In 15 years' time the over 55years of age group will be the overall group in Somerset. The knock on effect of this is the care of adults and the potential cost to the taxpayers. People coming from higher wages area buying property and forcing younger people out of the area because of higher property prices.

The second meeting was a strategic meeting on health issues. Clinical Commissioning group, Somerset County Council and the N.H.S looking at preventative measures regarding health, as prevention is better than cure.

Mr J Dyke also stated that he had been approached by some Roundham Residents regarding the speed of traffic through the village. The villagers want a reduction of the speed limit through the village from 40mph to 30mph. When they approached the County Council they were told there were too few houses in Roundham to warrant this. Mr J Dyke suggested that they contact their Parish Council. Mr D Yeomans asked what the Parish Council could do on this matter. Mr J Dyke suggested that the Parish Council could ask for the speed indicator device to be put up more frequently. The speed indicator devices reports for Clapton and the A30 Roundham had been sent to the Parish Council by the Police. Given the high level of recorded speeds above the intervention limit, the Parish Council has sent a letter to Dave Grabham and Susan Lewis, Police Speed Enforcement Unit, asking what action is proposed to reduce speeding motorists at these locations.

Mr D Yeomans asked if a questionnaire could be compiled asking what the parishioners wanted from their Parish Council and whether any of them would like to be a Parish Councillor. Another possibility is a Parish Magazine. Mrs J Borland asked all the Parish Councillors to give the idea some consideration and then to come to the September meeting with their proposals.

9. Finance

Confirmed that the signatories on Parish Council bank account will be all four Parish Councillors who are as follows;

Mrs J Borland

Mrs C Broom

Mr D Yeomans

Mr F Freeman.

Minute in the Parish Council meeting that the Parish Clerk (Miss J A Parsons) will be the Responsible Finance Officer from now.

10. Correspondence

All the correspondence detailed had been forwarded to the Parish Councillors. Mrs J Borland stated that with regard to the Flood Risk Management event, when it was known where the event was taking place it maybe worthwhile a Parish Councillor attending the event.

The Parish Clerk explained about the trustee for the Matthew Chubb almshouses and that Mr John Wyatt had agreed to continue as trustee. The meeting was happy to accept the appointment.

- 11. To confirm that the next meeting of the Parish Council will be held at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm on the 8th September 2015.**

Next meeting confirmed as the 8th September 2015 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.15pm

Chairman