

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th July 2018 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland

Mr Don Yeomans

Mr Frank Freeman

Mrs Caroline Broom

Mr Barrie Carter

Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor)

Also present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)

1 Members of the Public

1. Apologies for Absence

Apology received from Mr & Mrs M Wilson, John Wyatt and Mr L Graham-Gleed

2. Public Open Forum - Each member of the public present is entitled to speak once only, in respect of business itemised on the agenda and shall not speak for more than 5 minutes.

The Clerk stated that she had received a letter from the Village Hall committee thanking the Parish Council for the grant towards the running costs of the Village Hall.

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

Mr F Freeman, Mr D Yeomans, Mr B Carter and Mrs J Borland all declared no interest in any of the items on the agenda. Mrs C Broom declared an interest in the Peckmoor Farm planning application and in the Sunnyside Cathole Bridge planning application.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th May 2018

The minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th May 2018 were approved by the Councillors present after they were proposed for adoption by Mr D Yeomans and seconded by Mr F Freeman.

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

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6 Planning Matters.

West Crewkerne Parish Council is a Statutory Consultee for Planning Applications

and as such does not make the final decision on any application. Any decisions and comments made by the Parish Council will be fed into the planning process and added to the report by the Planning Officer. South

Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice (Planning Determination) once their investigations into the application, consultation period and decision making process has been completed.

A): 18/00595/FUL 19TH February 2018 Peckmoor Farm Henley Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8FF.

Use of land for siting of 6 No. Holiday Lodges and formation of foundations for Holiday Lodges and formation of track way and pedestrian accesses.

Still under Consideration

B): 18/00725/FUL 1ST March 2018 Land at Lower Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RL.

Provision of an additional transformer and battery housing installation to an existing ground mounted solar array.

Application permitted with conditions

C): 18/00764/LBC 7th March 2018 Henley Manor Farmhouse, Henley Cross, West Crewkerne Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PQ.

The carrying out of internal and external alterations by installing garage doors and sealing off, of the roof void in open carport barn and the installation of new French doors.

Application permitted with conditions

D): 18/00782/FUL 8th March 2018 Hinton Park Farm Hinton St George Somerset TA17 8TL.

Partial demolition, conversion of existing agricultural buildings with new build elements to a 13bed holiday let with associated pool building.

Still under Consideration

E): 18/00786/FUL 8th March 2018 Hinton Park Farm, Hinton St George Somerset TA17 8TL.

The demolition and erection of a replacement pool building.

Application permitted with conditions

F): 18/00925/FUL 19th March 2018 Land at Lower Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RL

Proposed extension to existing Caravan storage area.

Application permitted with conditions

G): 18/01562/FUL 16th May 2018 Sunnyside Farm Cathole Bridge Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PA.

Change of use of land and the siting of 1 No. holiday lodge with decked area.

Mr D Yeomans stated that there was a further application on the West Crewkerne Parish area of the South Somerset District Council Planning Website for the removal of a Section 106 notice between Pembroke Properties and South Somerset District Council. The Section 106 notice was dated 26th February 2004 and was in respect of Unit 10 Manor Barn Henley Crewkerne Somerset. The Reference No. was 18/02/117DPO. Mr D Yeomans stated he was unable to see any information in the document folder. Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) stated he would look into the matter as a Section 106 notice is essentially to provide some benefit to the Community by the Builders.

7. Highway Matters

Footbridge in Clapton

The footbridge should be finished within the next few working days and the Rights of Way team have done a very good job on the erection of the new bridge.

Mr B Carter (Parish Councillor) stated that it had been brought to his attention that a notice on the gate of Coombe Farm refers to applying to hold a music festival at Coombe Farm. Mr Carter asked if it had been brought to the attention of the West Crewkerne Parish Council. The Parish Council have received no information on the proposed event. The application for the Festival would be a matter for the licensing department. Mr M Best would look into the matter and see what information he can find out. Mrs J Borland (Parish Councillor) asked Mr Carter if he had actually seen the notice himself, he had not but a neighbour had brought the matter to his attention.

Roundham Small Improvement Scheme.

The Chairman Mrs J Borland asked Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) if he had had any update on the Roundham Small Improvement Scheme. Mr M Best read out an e-mail that he had recently received which stated that the Police did not support the reduction of the speed limit through Roundham from 40mph to 30mph and therefore if the speed limit through Roundham was not reduced to 30mph, then the road from Roundham to Crewkerne could not be reduced to 40mph and therefore the project had stalled. Mr M Best had sent an e-mail back to the Small Improvement Scheme team asking why at this junction have the Police objected to the speed limit considering the length of time this scheme has been in the discussion and planning stage. The name of the Police Officer who had not supported this scheme and how much money had been spent on this scheme by Somerset County Council to get the scheme to its present stage. Mr M Best said that he was hoping that he would have had the name of the Police Inspector who had objected to the scheme so that he could have invited him to the meeting tonight and for him to explain his reasons for objecting to the Roundham Scheme. After further discussion and with all the Parish Councillors agreement the Chairman felt that an e-mail should be sent to Steve Lawrence the Project Manager on the Roundham Scheme asking why at this stage of proceedings have the Police objected and what are their reasons for objecting to the Scheme. Mr D Yeomans asked Mr M Best if the Police retracted their objection would the scheme go ahead or would the scheme have to go through the consultation period again, Mr M Best stated that the scheme is ready to go so if the objection by the Police was retracted then the Scheme would proceed. The Chairman Mrs J Borland asked Mr M Best about the Maiden Beech cross-roads that Small Improvement Scheme has been approved and has the support of the Police. When the Scheme will be completed Mr M Best did not know at this stage.

Repair of the wall opposite Hewish Church

The repair of the wall has come to a halt and Mrs C Broom (Parish Councillor) stated that as far as she was aware Mrs A Taylor was waiting on the builder to come back and finish the job. As no reply had been received to the letter of the 22nd May the Parish Council felt a follow up letter should be sent asking if she had had any indication from the builder as to when he

would be able to come back and finish the wall and thereby the removal of the steel fence from the lay-by.

Speed Indicators.

The Clerk stated that she had sent an e-mail to Somerset County Council regarding the Speed Indicator Devices but that she had heard nothing back from them. The Clerk has followed this up with a telephone call to Somerset County Council but had got no further forward on the telephone. Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) stated he would enquire as to who the person is in charge of the Speed Indicator Devices was and let the Clerk know.

Slurry distribution in the area.

The Chairman Mrs J Borland had received no further complaints regarding Slurry distribution nor had Mr D Yeomans (Parish Councillor) or Mr H Ploszek. The Clerk stated she had sent an e-mail to the Department of Environment and they had subsequently telephoned stating that there was an on-going investigation already into Coombe Farm. Mr D Yeomans stated that he had forwarded to the environment agency his dashboard camera footage of slurry been disposed of illegally. Mr D Yeomans said that as he understood the regulations Coombe Farm should have had sufficient volume to store any excess Slurry. The Environmental department also stated that in exceptional circumstances they will grant a dispensation to get rid of the slurry in other ways, but as far as he was aware no dispensation had been given to Coombe Farm.

New Website for the Parish Council

Mr D Yeomans had obtained three quotes for a new website for the Parish Council and after consultation with the other Parish Councillors it was agreed to use Quick and Simple. They hope to have the website up and functional within the next two weeks. They have charged £500 for setting up the website and if the Parish Council wished to use their services for uploading information on to the website then that would be £200.00 per annum. Mr D Yeomans and Mr H Ploszek have volunteered to have a go at uploading information on word press on to the website. The person at Quick and Simple stated that if we wished to use his business' services for uploading information at a later date he would bill us as and when. Mr D Yeomans asked if he could purchase a copy of WordPress for dummies to assist him and Mr H Ploszek in uploading information on to the website. The person at Quick and Simple also stated that the Parish Council could have an extra page where local businesses could advertise and the Parish Council could charge a nominal fee of say £10 per year which would help to pay for the website. Mrs J Borland thanked Mr D Yeomans for all his efforts on the new website.

The Clerk asked if she could report an item that was not on the agenda as the letter had only recently been sent to her. At the last meeting a parishioner had brought up about the water still going down Higher Farm Lane and not into the stream. The Clerk had written to Mike Fear at Somerset Highways who had replied and stated that they had notice that the water was eroding the side of Higher Farm Lane and that they proposed to put that on their list for drainage work next year and propose installing concrete gullies on the right hand side of Higher Farm Lane.

8. Reports from Councillors, including District and County Councillors.
Mr B Carter stated that he is devastated by the news on the Roundham Small Improvement scheme.
Mrs C Broom asked the Chairman about some road repairs which the Chairman stated that Somerset Highways have repaired the edge of the road and have done some repairs to the road further along.
No reports from Mr D Yeomans, Mr F Freeman and Mrs J Borland.
Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) stated that the transformation process in South Somerset District Council was nearing completion and that nearly everyone now should know if they have a job and the nature of that job. The new jobs will start from the 1st January 2019.
The consultation period on Crewkerne library has now closed and Mr M Best stated that he had been told that the decision will be announced sometime in September.
Mr M Best also asked if the Parish Council received information about the Chairman's awards, the Clerk stated that the information came via an e-mail. Mr M Best stated that the awards were for anybody who had made a contribution to their local community.
9. Finance
A) To pay:-
1. Clerk Salary
Clerk's salary of £167.67 paid on Cheque no.291.
2. HMRC
Tax due to HMRC of £41.80 paid on Cheque no.292
3. Payment to Quick and Simple (Website Provider)
This payment will be made when the website is up and running and the amount is £500.00
The Clerk also stated that she has purchased a new laptop with Microsoft office for Home and Business together with a mouse. The cost is £773.97. Mr D Yeomans asked what will be done with the old laptop, after discussion the Clerk would ask her Computer Engineer to wipe the hard drive clean and then the old laptop could be donated to Charity. Cheque no.294 drawn for the above cost.
The Clerk also required a cheque signed for the purchase of gift vouchers for services rendered to the Parish by Mr M Wilson and Mr H Ploszek. Cheque no.293.
10. Correspondence;
Rural Opportunities Bulletin
Rural Services Network
SSDC Major Planning Applications
SWP Recycling reports for April and May
Survey on Planning/Building Control functions
SALC Course for responding to planning applications
Road Closures on Seaborough Road, Pipplepen Lane and Weston Lane
Footbridge at Clapton.
All Parish Councillors confirmed that they had received the above memos.
11. To confirm that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 11th September 2018 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Confirmed that the next meeting will be Tuesday 11th September 2018.

After the meeting the Clerk realised that she had not got a cheque signed for the Somerset Association of Local Council for the Annual Subscription. A cheque was drawn for £149.77 for payment on Cheque no.296.

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