

West Crewkerne Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27th January 2022

Present: Cllrs J. Borland (Chair), D. Yeomans, C. Broom, F. Freeman, R. Franklin, O. Santini
In attendance: Clerk to the Council R. Richards, District Councillor Sue Osborne

001 Members to receive apologies for absence and to approve the Reasons given (LGA 1972 s85(1))

All councillors present

002 To receive any Declarations of Interest (pecuniary or non-statutory Interests)

Cllr Broom declared an interest in Planning 21/03555/FUL

Cllrs Freeman, Borland and Santini declared an interest in Item 010

003 To approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 25th November 2021 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25th November 2021

Proposed: Cllr Broom **Seconded:** Cllr Freeman **Vote:** 6-0-0

004 Outstanding Items Update

a) Update on the Roundham Small Improvement Scheme

It was agreed that there had been no improvement in the speeding at Roundham. The official complaint needs to be followed and Highways asked if they have any other suggestions.

005 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 reported to the Planning Officer. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice.

Applications

No new applications have been received

Decisions

- 21/03555/FUL Little Shabby Farm Axe Road Drimpton Crewkerne – Permitted with Conditions
- 21/03405/FUL Tuncombe Farm Maincombe Crewkerne – Permitted with Conditions
- 21/03232/HOU Little Mead Clapton Road West Crewkerne – Permitted with Conditions

Awaiting decision

- 21/02940/FUL Land and Buildings at Henley Crewkerne – The SSDC website shows they are still waiting for highways

006 Highway Matters

Cllr Borland to ask for an update from Sue Morley (Clerk for Wayford Parish Council), who is in dialogue with highways regarding the lack of signage along Clapton straight indicating that the road is liable to flooding.

Cllr Broom reported that Highways were unable to clear the blocked culvert opposite Fairview, Clapton Gate as it was built up on mud and completely blocked. This needs chasing.

The cost of Speed Indicator Devices to be investigated for the main road through Clapton. Other suggestions were made including refreshing the signage and extra reflective signs.

007 Members to discuss the forth coming elections in May 2022

Both Parish and Unitary elections will take place early in May 2022. This will be for a five year term as the next elections don't take place until 2027. Councillors are reminded that they will still need to go through the nomination process.

008 Finance

Proposals:

- a) Members to approve the January payments and sign cheques for a total of £290.47

Resolved: Members approved the January payments

Proposed: Cllr Yeomans **Seconded:** Cllr Borland **Vote:** 6-0-0

- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliations

Resolved: Members approved the bank reconciliations

Proposed: Cllr Freeman **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 6-0-0

- c) Members to note the CIL income received of £525.84 – Must be spent within 5 years of receipt

- d) Members to approve the precept proposal for 2022/23

Resolved: Members approved the precept figure of £6,470.00 for 2022/23

Proposed: Cllr Yeomans **Seconded:** Cllr Santini **Vote:** 6-0-0

20.09pm Cllr Franklin left the meeting as his transport home was waiting for him

009 Document Review

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Members Code of Conduct

Resolved: Members resolved to adopt the Members Code of Conduct

Proposed: Cllr Freeman **Seconded:** Cllr Santini **Vote:** 5-0-0

- b) Clerks Contract of Employment

Resolved: Members resolved to adopt the Clerks Contract of Employment

Proposed: Cllr Yeomans **Seconded:** Cllr Freeman **Vote:** 5-0-0

010 Members to consider changing the meeting day and using the main hall

Resolved: Members agreed to change the bi monthly meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month at 7pm in the Main Hall. **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 5-0-0

011 Correspondence

- a) Various e-mails. Coronavirus updates from various sources, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Somerset Waste Partnership, SALC Training, Martyn Evans SCC and Rural Bulletin.

012 Date of Next Meeting: 24th March 2022 at 7pm in the Main Hall

Meeting Closed 8.15pm