

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall at 7pm.

Members Present

Mr D Yeomans

Mr Frank Freeman

Mrs C Broom

Mrs Sue Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor)

Mr Mike Best (Somerset County Councillor)

Also present

No members of the Public present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mrs J Borland (Chairman) and Mr R Franklin

2. Proposal for the filling of the casual vacancy of Parish Councillor to West Crewkerne Parish Council by Co-opting Mr O Pyle-Santini to the post of Parish Councillor.

The Clerk had received an application for the vacant Parish Councillor position on West Crewkerne Parish Council from Mr O Pyle-Santini and as there were no other applicants the clerk asked for a proposer and seconder and a show of hands from the Parish Councillors present as to whether they accept Mr O Pyle-Santini application to be co-opted on to the West Crewkerne Parish Council. Mr D Yeomans proposed that Mr O Pyle-Santini be co-opted on to West Crewkerne Parish Council and Mr F Freeman seconded the proposal and all the Parish Councillors were unanimous in accepting the proposal. Therefore Mr O Pyle-Santini has been formally co-opted on to the West Crewkerne Parish Council.

3. Public Open Forum

No members of the public were present.

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

No Interests declared on any item on the Agenda by any Parish Councillor.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 13th July 2021.

The minutes were approved by the meeting and proposed for approval by Mr Don Yeomans and seconded by Mr Frank Freeman.

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

No matters arising.

7. 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). Fuzzy Ground and concerns raised.

Any further information on the enforcement of the original planning application?

No further information available at the date of the meeting.

B): 20/03273/FUL Land at Os4600 Peckmoor Farm Henley, Crewkerne Somerset. Use of land for siting of 3 holiday lodges and formation of hard standings and trackways.

Awaiting decision. Noted at the meeting

C): 21/01025/HOU Manor Barns Henley Cross West Crewkerne Crewkerne TA18 8PG. The insertion of 2 no. dormer windows and 5 no. roof lights

Awaiting decision Noted at the meeting

D): 21/01667/HOU Butlers Orchard Hewish Lane West Crewkerne Crewkerne TA18 8QT.

Alterations and erection of a single storey extension to side of dwelling with a pitched roof over garage.

Application approved. Noted at the meeting

E): 21/0201/HOU The Old Farmhouse Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RH. Relocation and formation of Vehicular access with parking and turning area.

Application approved. Noted at the meeting.

7. Highway Matters

Mrs C Broom (Parish Councillor) stated that the tarmac is missing on the highway that butts up to the drive of their house and it looks like the drain has collapsed. Mrs C Broom has reported this to Somerset Highways but without success. Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) asked Mrs C Broom to send him photographs of the damaged area and he will take it up with the Highways department. The clerk stated that she would also contact Somerset Highways via their website.

Mr Mike Best also stated that the Small Improvements Scheme team are taking measurements at the Cathole Bridge Road cross-roads. The new Parish Councillor Mr O Pyle-Santini was made aware of the developments that maybe taking place on the Cathole Bridge Road cross-roads.

8. Roundham

The Clerk had heard nothing from Somerset County Council complaints department regarding the complaint she had lodge with them. The clerk will follow up the complaint.

Mr D Yeomans stated that the white lines had been drawn on the road in Roundham. Mr D Yeomans suggested canvassing the Residents of Roundham to ascertain from them whether they considered that, the Small Improvement Scheme has made any significant difference to the speed of the traffic. Mr D Yeomans made this proposal which was accepted by the other Parish Councillors present. However Mr D Yeomans felt that before we canvassed the residents of Roundham we should wait

until the scheme is fully finished. Mr D Yeomans asked the clerk to note the proposal but to put it on hold for the time being.

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

There were no reports from any of the Parish Councillors.

Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor) stated that elections would take place next May 2022 for the new Unitary Councillors who will replace the present Somerset County Councillors and the District Councillors will cease to exist May 2023.

Mrs S Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor) stated that they were looking at Boundary wards. Mrs S Osborne had emailed out to the clerk a copy of ward areas and numbers, which the clerk had emailed to out to all the Parish Councillors, please let Mrs S Osborne have any remarks on the contents of the email. The Boundary Commission review takes place in 2023. There is a feeling that with the Unitary Council that any elected Councillors will be career Councillors because the size of the wards or areas they will have to manage will exclude anybody who has other employment or interests. The deadline for claiming any monies from the South Somerset District Council's Covid Fund is end of March 2022. The District Council is also looking at a new electricity supplier. The budget for South Somerset District Council is mid-term and is on track. Mrs S Osborne stated that everybody still needs to be vigilant with regard to the Coronavirus as the virus is still prevalent. South Somerset District Council staff team members are also going to be involved in the transition of information and material over to the Unitary Authority which is going to put even greater strain on the resources of the South Somerset District Council.

10. Finance

A) To pay:-

1. Clerk Salary £135.85 Cheque No.363

2. HMRC £33.80 Cheque No.362

B) SALC affiliation fee of £155.05 (Already paid). Cheque No.361

11. Correspondence;

A): Various e-mails. Coronavirus updates from various sources, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Somerset Waste Partnership and Rural Bulletin.

B): Proposal to bring the Parish and County Councils elections forward to May 2022. This was favoured by a large percentage of Parish Councils. Mr M Best stated that they were asking, if the elections for Parish Councils were brought forward, when would the starting date of the new councillors be, either 2022 or 2023 and what would the first term of office be 4 years or 5 years?

C): Waste Recycling issues for the residents of West Crewkerne Parish.

The meeting agreed that the Waste Recycling had improved although there is still an issue around flats and Communal areas.

12. To confirm that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 09th November 2021 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall at 7pm. Date confirmed.

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