

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th July 2021 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall at 7pm.

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland (Chairman)

Mr D Yeomans

Mr Frank Freeman

Mrs C Broom

Mr R Franklin

Mrs Sue Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor)

Also present

4 members of the Public

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)

The Chairman (Mrs J Borland) welcomed everyone to the meeting, the first meeting that had been held in person since the beginning of lock-down.

1. Apologies for Absence.

Mr M Best (Somerset County Councillor)

2. Public Open Forum

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting but no members of the Public wished to comment on anything on the Agenda or bring anything to the meeting at this stage.

3. 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.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 4th May 2021.

The minutes were approved by the meeting and proposed for approval by Mrs Caroline Broom and seconded by Mr Frank Freeman.

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

The noise levels that were being experienced by a homeowner along the Cathole Bridge Road from Wyedale Plastics had been reported to South Somerset District Council and Somerset County Council for enforcement of the stipulations of the planning application being granted for Wyedale Plastics. The Chairman had received no notification of any action being taken. The homeowners have subsequently sold their property. However, Councillors felt that the matter still needed to be pursued as the problem had not been resolved. The meeting asked the Clerk to pursue.

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): Fuzzy Ground and concerns raised.

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

The enforcement is still ongoing.

B): 21/01443/COL Highfield Hewish Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QR.

Certificate of Lawful application for the proposed stationing of a mobile home for purposes incidental to Highfield.

Application Permitted

C): 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.

D): 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

E): 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.

The Chairman stated she had sent in a response on behalf of West Crewkerne Parish Council stating there was no objection to this application.

Awaiting decision.

F): 21/0201/HOU The Old Farmhouse Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RH.

Relocation and formation of Vehicular access with parking and turning area. The Councillors had looked at these plans and considered them an improvement on the current vehicular access.

Awaiting decision.

G): 21/01435/AGN Tuncombe Farm Tuncombe Lane Maincombe West Crewkerne Crewkerne TA18 7TN.

Notification of intent to erect a steel barn to be used for hay and straw storage and for the housing of livestock.

Decision – None determination of Application.

7. Parish Councillor Vacancy.

The Parish Councillor Vacancy was open to anybody from the West Crewkerne Parish and the Closing date for applications was 31st July 2021. The Clerk had received an application form from a prospective candidate at the meeting.

8. Highway Matters.

Mrs C Broom asked if Somerset County Council could be contacted and asked to trim the verges at Maiden Beech cross roads as the grass had grown very high and it was becoming increasingly dangerous to come out of what was already a dangerous cross roads. The Clerk to contact Somerset County Council to ask for the verges to be cut. Chairman asked about the recent flooding and asked the Parish Councillors if the signs and depth signs were adequate. Councillors stated that the flood water

had receded quickly and they felt the signs were adequate. The Chairman stated that Dunshams Lane in Clapton had flooded and the aftermath was thick mud but South Somerset District Council streetclean department had come out and cleaned the lane up very well.

9. Roundham

Update from Somerset County Council regarding Roundham Small Improvement Scheme.

The Clerk had nothing to report she had received an email from Martyn at Somerset County Council stating they were sourcing signs for the missing road signs in Roundham, this was reported to them in January 2020. Regarding the speed monitoring in Roundham Somerset County Council will not carry this out, even if we pay for the speed monitoring, until the road signs are in place as their argument is that it will give a false reading. The Clerk stated that she was getting nowhere. After discussion among the Councillors it was decided that the Clerk to contact the Chief Executive of Somerset County Council asking him to look into the matter and explaining our frustration as a Parish Council at the lack of progress and the Clerk to also to put in a complaint on the complaint procedure of Somerset County Council regarding Roundham. Mrs S Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor) also ask for the emails already sent on this matter to be sent to her to see if she could do anything as a District Councillor.

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

Frank Freeman and Caroline Broom had nothing to report. Mr Don Yeomans stated that Somerset Waste Partnership has not collected the waste from parts of Woolminstone for three weeks. It was not good enough and you cannot talk to anyone at Somerset Waste Partnership and residents are getting very frustrated. This problem does not appear to be confined just too rural area but to towns as well where collections are not being made. Mrs S Osborne stated that Somerset Waste Partnership is made up of four local councils, Somerset County Council and the contractor who organises the collections. The new contractor's drivers are still getting use to the routes. Mr R Franklin asked if a zoom meeting could be arranged between several Parishes and the Somerset Waste Partnership to try and iron out some of the problems and to make Somerset Waste Partnership aware of the frustrations of local residents with not having waste collected. Mrs Julia Borland (Chairman) gave a report on the meeting she had attended with Network Rail and other interested parties on the re-routing of the footpath 27/21 which falls within West Crewkerne Parish, a copy of the report is attached at the end of these minutes. Mrs J Borland also stated she had been successful in getting a bus stop erected outside of her house, as the buses will not stop unless there is a bus stop. Now Mrs J Borland has to get the buses to come up and down the road five times a day instead of just twice a day. The five times a day is what could be scheduled for the road. Mrs S Osborne (South Somerset District Councillor) stated that at the end of this month we should know whether Somerset will become one unitary authority or two unitary authorities. The District Council budgets are on track and more money has been allocated to the Yeovil and Chard regeneration programmes. The Council are

looking for short term lets due to the flooding in Chard as some homeowners are unable to return to their homes in the short term. Mrs S Osborne also stated that it is worth Parishes looking at their own Village contingencies plan in the light of the flooding and updating them if necessary.

11. Finance

A) To pay:-

1. Clerk Salary £134.98+£18.90 travelling exps=£153.88 Cheque No.360
2. HMRC £33.80 Cheque No.359.

12. Correspondence;

A): Various e-mails. Coronavirus updates from various sources, Avon and Somerset Constabulary, Somerset Waste Partnership and Rural Bulletin. No Councillor had any questions on any of the emails they had received. The Chairman said that she found the Sussed newsletter most informative.

12. To confirm that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 14th September 2021 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall at 7pm. Confirmed.



Chairman's Report of
meeting with Network