

West Crewkerne Parish Council

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 28th July 2022

Present: Cllrs J. Borland (Chair), D. Yeomans, C. Broom and F. Freeman,

Also in attendance were District Councillor Mike Best, County Councillor Steve Ashton and Clerk to the Council R. Richards

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

There were no apologies as all councillors were present

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

Cllrs Borland and Broom declared an interest in Planning Application 22/01589/HOU

036 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 20th May 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held 20th May 2022

Proposed: Cllr Freeman **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 4-0-0

037 Members to fill the vacant positions on the Council by co-option (s21 Representation of the People Act 1985)

Posters have been produced for display in Clapton, Roundham, Hewish and Woolminstone

038 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Update on blocked culvert opposite Fairview, Clapton Gate – Cllrs Broom and Borland visited the site and reported that a lot has been cleared. Concerns were raised about the section of the culvert that runs under the road as this could still be blocked.

Action: Clerk to ask Highways to put a camera down the culvert under the road to check for blockages.

- b) Update on dead oak tree at Woolminstone

Cllr Yeomans remarked on the lack of progress on this matter **Action:** Clerk to follow up with Highways

039 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.

- a) Members to resolve Applications received

- Application Reference: 22/01589/HOU
Applicant: Mrs A C Barrett
Location: Higher Bridge Farm Axe Road Drimpton Crewkerne DT8 3RJ
Proposal: Extension and alterations to create granny annexe
Observations Required by: 6 July 2022

Resolved: Members confirmed that all councillors had previously advised the clerk of their views on this application so a response of No Comment was sent to planning on 6th July 2022

Proposed: Cllr Freeman **Seconded:** Cllr Yeoman **Vote:** 4-0-0

- Application Reference: 22/01334/FUL
Applicant: Peckmoor Farming Ltd
Location: Land At Peckmoor Farm Henley Cross Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8FF
Proposal: Proposed creation of a horse gallop and the relocation of the soil to the adjacent old workings area. Construction of a hay and straw storage barn for agricultural use
Observations Required by: 9th August 2022

Resolved: Members resolved to respond that they have no observations to make on this application

Proposed: Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 4-0-0

- b) Applications Decisions received
22/01589/HOU Higher Bridge Farm Axe Road Drimpton Crewkerne DT8 3RJ – Approved
22/01010/FUL Hinton Park Estate Hinton Park Hinton St George – Permitted with conditions

c) Applications Awaiting Decision

21/02940/FUL Land And Buildings At Henley Crewkerne Somerset
22/00544/FUL Barn Watery Lane Hewish Crewkerne was added to the list as no decision has been reached on this application which was validated by SSDC in February 2022

040 Finance

Proposals:

- a) Members to approve the July payments and sign cheques
- b) Members to approve the June bank reconciliations

Resolved: Members approved the July payments totalling £500.18

Proposed: Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Freeman **Vote:** 4-0-0

Resolved: Members approved the July bank reconciliations

Proposed: Cllr Freeman **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 4-0-0

041 Document Review

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Members Code of Conduct – Based on SALC’s new Somerset Version
- b) Code of Practice for handling complaints
- c) Filming, audio-recording, photographing and reporting of council and committee meetings

Resolved: Members adopted the Code of Conduct **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Freeman **Vote:** 4-0-0

Resolved: Members adopted the Code of Practice for handling complaints **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 4-0-0

Resolved: Members adopted the Filming, audio-recording, photographing and report of council and committee meetings **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Freeman **Vote:** 4-0-0

042 Highway Matters

- a) Update of Speed Indicator Devices – Location for temporary SID to be looked into by Cllr Freeman
Original SIS for Roundham was discussed and the failure of the implementation of a 30 MPH speed limit
Action: Clerk to request results of recent speed checks in Roundham from the police
Action: Clerk to ask SCC about organising speed checks at a cost to the council of approximately £200
- b) Proposed small improvement scheme for the Cathole Bridge and Maiden Beech Crossroads
The proposed changes and the fact that WCPC were not consulted on the scheme were discussed.
- c) 11 gully’s have been improved but there still needs to be ‘Road Liable to Flooding’ signs on the B3165
Cllr Borland read an email regarding the sign posts along Clapton straight which should be in place in the few weeks

Members discussed the drain outside of Higher Woolminstone Farm that floods every winter to a depth of several inches causing major problems. Part of this was been jetted but they stopped as they ran out of time so it is still blocked. **Action:** Clerk to contact Highways to ask them to complete the jetting

043 Update on the Enforcement notice issued in respect of the caravan at Watery Lane in Hewish

A recent update from the enforcement officer confirmed that all the insides of the caravan had been removed so no one can live in it. She also said that the land owner has promised to remove the shell by the end of the year. **Action:** Clerk to ask the enforcement officer to follow this up in September

044 Clerk’s Report and Correspondence

- a) Various e-mails, Payroll End of Year completed, Accounts provided to Internal Auditor, VAT 126 refund claim submitted, details of two temporary road closures received from SCC, confirmation of payment received from Zurich Insurance, contact details for the Pension Regulator updated, County Roads have

been asked to write to the owners of the field with the dead oak tree, Helen Mason at SSDC was contacted for an update on the caravan at Hewish and reported that all services should now be disconnected and the owner has said it will gradually be dismantled.

045 Confidential Items

Proposal: Under Standing Orders 3d and 11xi the Parish Council resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted (legal, personal or commercial), the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

- Discuss and consider the SSDC Online Questionnaire and associated information pack

Action: Cllr Borland to follow up on Cllr Yeomans suggestion that we approach Wayford PC to find out what their plans are to see if we can collaborate on this.

046 Date of Next Meeting: 22nd September 2022

Meeting Closed at: 8.30pm

Signed: Chairman