

# West Crewkerne Parish Council

## Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 29th September 2022

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

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

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

Apologies were received from Cllr Freeman and the reason given approved

**Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 3-0-0

### **048 To receive any Declarations of Interest (pecuniary or non-statutory Interests)**

Cllr Borland declared an interest in 053 (c)

### **049 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting Held 27th July 2022 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))**

**Resolved:** Members approved the Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 27th July 2022

**Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 3-0-0

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

No applications have been received

### **051 Outstanding Items Update**

- a) Blocked culvert opposite Fairview, Clapton Gate – Although the road is marked ‘CCTV’ nothing has been done **Action:** Clerk to chase up.
- b) Dead oak tree at Woolminstone -The landowners have been written to and they have now instructed a tree surgeon to cut down the overhanging branches
- c) Blocked drain at Higher Woolminstone Farm – No work has been carried out. **Action:** Clerk to chase up.

### **052 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: 22/02315/HOU  
Applicant: Ms T Kenny  
Location: Boughbeeche Clapton Road West Crewkerne TA18 8PS  
Proposal: Conversion and restoration of existing outbuilding to form annex building  
Observations Required by: 26th September 2022 (extended to 30th September)

**Resolved:** Members resolved to support this application

**Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 3-0-0

- Application Reference: 22/02536/FUL  
Applicant: Paul Rocket, Rocket Science Ltd  
Location: 1and 2 Portway Cottages Cathole Bridge Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PA  
Proposal: Improvements to Vehicular Access and Parking  
Observations Required by: 11th October 2022

**Resolved:** Members resolved to support/object to this application

**Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 3-0-0

- Application Reference: 22/02454/OUT

Applicant: Paul Rocket, Rocket Science Ltd

Location: 1 And 2 Portway Cottages Cathole Bridge Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PA

Proposal: Outline application with all matters reserved except for access for 1 dwelling.

Observations Required by: 11th October 2022

**Resolved:** Members resolved to support to this application

**Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 3-0-0

- b) Applications Decisions received  
22/01589/HOU Higher Bridge Farm Axe Road Drimpton Crewkerne DT8 3RJ – Permitted with Conditions  
21/02940/FUL Land And Buildings At Henley Crewkerne Somerset – Permitted with Conditions
- c) Applications Awaiting Decision  
22/01334/FUL Land At Peckmoor Farm Henley Cross Crewkerne TA18 8FF

### 053 Finance

Proposals:

- a) Members to approve the September payments and sign cheques
- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliations
- c) Members to note the payment of £800 to Clapton Village Hall as set out in the 2022-23 Precept

**Resolved:** Members approved the September payments totalling £1,358.29 and noted the payment to Clapton Village Hall **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 3-0-0

**Resolved:** Members approved the August bank reconciliations

**Proposed:** Cllr Broom **Seconded:** Cllr Yeomans **Vote:** 3-0-0

### 054 Document Review

Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Information and Data Protection Policy
- b) Training Policy
- c) Equality and Diversity Policy

**Resolved:** Members adopted all three policies **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 3-0-0

### 055 Highway Matters

- a) Update of Speed Indicator Devices – Cllr Borland reported that posts are already in place. Further information will need to be sought before the application form can be completed. Hinton St George may be able to help with moving the SID's around.
- b) Update on the installation of the 'Road Liable to Flooding' signs on the B3165 **Action:** Cllr Borland to follow up
- c) Update on the recent speed check in Roundham – Highways reported that this speed check was carried out privately so the results are not available.
- d) Update on the arrangements with SCC for a Speed check in Roundham – **Action:** Clerk to organise for a speed camera to be fitted (close to the old Travellers Rest pub). Letter to be sent to residents of Roundham asking them for their input on the Parish Councils efforts to get the speed limit reduced to 30mph and reminding them that without public support nothing will happen.
- e) Maiden Beech Crossroads Small Improvement Scheme – Notification has been received that the SIS is due to start on 3rd October.

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

Helen Mason has advised that she will speak to the landowner again in December.

### 057 Members to consider the Opt-out communication from the Smaller Authorities' Audit Appointment

**Resolved:** Members resolved not to Opt-Out and would use the SAA appointed external auditor

**Proposed:** Cllr Yeomans **Seconded:** Cllr Borland **Vote:** 3-0-0

**058 Members to consider a request for a Defibrillator for the old phone box in Hewish** – After a short discussion it was agreed to postpone this until the November meeting when the person who made the request will be in attendance

**059 Public consultation on the development of Local Community Networks (LCNs)**

Members to consider their response to the consultation asking for involvement in guiding the decisions on the following key aspects; what roles and responsibilities the LCNs can have in the first and subsequent years of Somerset Council, options for the LCN boundaries, and whether 'Local Community Network' is the right name.

**Resolved:** After a brief discussion it was decided that WCPC would respond that they would prefer Smaller LCN's and would stay with Crewkerne

**060 Members to consider adopting the new Civility and Respect Pledge and attending relevant training**

Members adopt the pledge and Cllr Borland will undertake the training

**061 Clerk's Report and Correspondence**

a) Various e-mails and phone calls all of which have been reported upon above

**062 Date of Next Meeting:** 17th November 2022

Meeting Closed at 8.15pm