

West Crewkerne Parish Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL
ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CLAPTON AND WAYFORD VILLAGE HALL
AT 7.00pm on THURSDAY 28th MARCH 2024

Rose Richards, Clerk to the Parish Council: 23rd March 2024

ALL COUNCIL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC AND THE PRESS

(Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960)

PUBLIC FORUM

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to participate before the meeting by asking questions of, raising concerns and make comments, regarding the Parish Council. A speaker in the Public Forum may only represent his or her point of view and shall not speak for more than 5 minutes. The Chair of the meeting has absolute discretion to request the speaker to stop, or adjourn the Public Forum at any time. No decision can be taken on issues raised unless the matter is already an item on the agenda. As this is not part of the formal meeting minutes will not be produced.

Reports from Somerset County Councillors

County and District Councillors may give short verbal reports on matters affecting West Crewkerne.
Minutes will not be produced.

AGENDA

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities, (race, gender, sexual orientation, marital status and any disability), Crime and Disorder, Health & Safety, Bullying & Harassment and Human Rights

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

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

189 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meeting held 25th January 2024 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

190 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Clerk's decision to withdraw her resignation
- b) Grant for sandbags
- c) Map of who owns ditches

191 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: 24/00117/HOU
Applicant: Mr T Rudkin
Location: Shearstones Ann Bulls Grave Road West Crewkerne TA18 8QS
Proposal: Proposed garage with studio over
Observations Required by: 22nd February 2024 sent 21st February 2024
 - Application Reference: 24/00166/FUL
Applicant: Mr Mark Bullough
Location: Clapton Court Clapton Road West Crewkerne TA18 8PT
Proposal: The replacement of an existing, former commercial agricultural glasshouse with a new agricultural storage shed for use by the Estate
Observations Required by: 29th February 2024 sent 21st February 2024

- b) Applications Decisions received - None
- c) Applications Awaiting Decision - None

192 Finance

Proposals:

- a) Members to approve the March payments and sign cheques
- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliations for January and February
- c) Members to appoint an Internal Auditor for the 2023/24 Annual Return
- d) Members to appoint two new bank signatories and remove signatories of two previous councillors

193 Document Review

Proposal: Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Financial Regulations
- b) Recording of Decisions made by Officers
- c) Standing Orders
- d) Biodiversity Policy – New for 2024

194 Report from the Joint Burial Committee

195 Members to agree the meeting dates for 2024/25

196 Biodiversity for West Crewkerne

- a) Members to note what action they are already taking to conserve and enhance biodiversity
- b) To agree what further steps they should take to conserve and enhance biodiversity

197 Highways Matters and Flooding Issues

Cllr Borland to give a brief report following her meeting with Lee Norman

198 Clerk's Report and Correspondence –

- Precept request sent to Somerset Council
- Vacancy for another councillor advised to the Democratic Team and posters created
- Problems with the website renewal notice not being sent to the clerk resolved and the annual subscription paid by cheque
- Email sent to Avon & Somerset Police checking on the status of our SID funding application
- Register of interests sent for free assistance changing to a .gov.uk domain and I have signed up for an introduction to gov.uk domain name online meeting

Confidential Items

Proposal: Under Standing Orders 3d and 10xi the Parish Council resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (legal, personal, or commercial), the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

199 Members to decide if a Grit/Salt Bin and/or grit/salt bags should be purchased for Hewish and if so the supplier and size

200 Date of Next Meeting: Annual Council Meeting 23rd May 2024