

## WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating Clapton, Hewish, Woolminstone, Roundham & Henley Manor

### Minutes of the Extraordinary Council Meeting held 27th June 2024

**Present:** Cllrs J. Borland, C. Broom, J. Archer, and J. Holt.

Also in attendance was 21 residents, 2 representatives from Greentech, and Clerk to the Council R. Richards

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

No apologies were received as all councillors were present

#### **225 To receive any Declarations of Interest (pecuniary or non-statutory Interests) None received**

#### **226 Open Forum including Somerset County Councillors Reports**

*Members of the public can ask questions of, raise concerns, or make comments regarding the Parish Council. A speaker in the Open Forum may only represent his, her or their own point of view and shall not speak for more than 3 minutes. Issues raised may be referred to the Clerk to respond to within 10 working days or listed on a subsequent agenda.*

#### **227 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. Somerset Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice.

a) Members to resolve Applications received:

- Application Reference: 24/00352/FUL

Applicant: Mr James Jenkison

Location: Land OS 8186 Dunsham Lane Wayford Crewkerne TA18 8QL

Proposal: Proposed Solar Farm with photovoltaic arrays, battery storage and associated infrastructure

Observations required by: 3rd July 2024 extended to 19th July 2024

Mr Jenkison from Greentech gave a brief presentation. This was followed by a short presentation and comments from several residents from Wayford and the surrounding area. Concerns included the effect on water supply to properties in Wayford, increased run off and flooding, the installation of batteries which were not included in the original plans, the effect on the environment and biodiversity.

Cllr Broom left the meeting at 8.00pm having left a signed note stating that she opposed the application.

**Resolved:** According to Government Guideline recommendations are as follows: Solar energy plans should be on level brownfields, or contaminated land, or industrial / public buildings. On these grounds a proposal to object to the application was made. **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Archer **Vote:** 3-0-0

- Application Reference: 24/01132/FUL

Applicant: A H Warren Trust Ltd

Location: Coombe Farm, New Road, West Crewkerne TA18 8RR

Proposal: The installation of three ground mounted field PV arrays

Observations required by: 9th July 2024

**Resolved:** Members resolved to support the application **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Archer **Vote:** 3-0-0

#### **228 Date of Next Meeting:** 25th July 2024

Meeting Closed 8.14pm

Approved by West Crewkerne Parish Council on: 25th July 2024 - Minute No: 232

Signed: ..... Chairman