

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating Clapton, Hewish, Woolminstone, Roundham & Henley Manor

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 25th January 2024

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

Also in attendance was one resident, Clerk to the Council R. Richards and County Councillor Steve Ashton

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

Apologies received from Cllr Freeman

175 To receive any Declarations of Interest (pecuniary or non-statutory Interests) - None

176 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held 23rd November 2023 (LGA 1972 sch 12, para 41(1))

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes of the meeting held in November

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

177 Outstanding Items Update

178 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: 23/03081/FUL
Applicant: A H Warren Trust Ltd
Location: Coombe Farm, Hill Dairy Hewish Lane West Crewkerne
Proposal: Proposed permanent replacement of a temporary calf building
Observations Required by: 10th January 2024

Resolved: Members had already given the clerk their support for the application so that the deadline could be met **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 3-0-0

b) Applications Decisions received - None

c) Applications Awaiting Decision – None

Item 183 was dealt with prior to Item 179

179 Finance

Proposals:

- a) Members to approve the December payments and sign cheques
- b) Members to approve the bank reconciliations for November and December
- c) Members to approve the 2024/25 Budget and Precept requirement

Resolved: Members approved the payments totalling £865.70

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

Resolved: Members approved the bank reconciliations for November and December

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

Resolved: Members approved the 2024/25 Budget and Precept requirement which resulted in an extra 1p per annum per Band D Household

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

180 Document Review

Proposal: Members to review and adopt the following policies:

- a) Homeworking Policy – No Change
- b) Home Working Risk Assessment - Updated
- c) Safeguarding Statement - Updated
- d) Publication Scheme - Updated
- e) Retention and Disposal – Updated

Resolved: Members reviewed and adopted all five policies

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

181 Report from the Joint Burial Committee

Cllr Borland gave a short report, see appendix 2

182 Highways Matters

- a) New drains fitted on the long straight to Clapton Farm towards the Toll House by the turning to Woolminstone are all blocked and do not continue up to the farm which floods more often.
- b) The section of the B3165 between the bends in the road at Coppersfield and before Hewish crossroads, new drains fitted either side have now increased flooding both sides of the road
- c) Cathole bridge near to the Wydale Factory since new power cable have been fitted the two drains have now blocked for the last two years and all Highways have done is put flood signs up

These matters were discussed in full during the public forum. Cllr Borland has arranged a meeting with Lee Norman from Somerset Council to explain WCPC’s concerns.

183 Brief report from the LCN Meetings held 18th January 2024

Cllr Borland gave a short report, see appendix 1

184 Clerk’s Report and Correspondence –

- Price of Grit Bins researched
- Highways chased about repainting the 30 mph signs on the road leading into Clapton
- Blocked gullies along Clapton Road and recent flooding reported to Highways
- Checked if there was any data available from Speed Detector Vans in Clapton but there is nothing
- Application for SID funding followed up and will now be decided by the Police Community Trust at the end of January

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.

185 Members to decide whether to purchase a Grit/Salt Bin for Hewish

Members agreed in principle to purchase a bin for Hewish. Further information to be available for the March meeting.

186 Date of Next Meeting: 28th March 2024

Meeting Closed at: 8.03pm

Approved by West Crewkerne Parish Council on: 28th March 2024 - Minute No: 189

Signed: Chairman

