

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland (Parish Councillor)
Mr Don Yeomans (Parish Councillor)
Mrs Caroline Broom (Parish Councillor)
Mr J Dyke (Somerset County Councillor)

Also Present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
4 Members of the Public

1. Election of Chairman, Vice Chairman and Joint Burial Committee Members.

Mr D Yeomans proposed Mrs J Borland as Chairman of the Parish Council and this was seconded by Mrs C Broom and passed by the meeting.

Mrs J Borland proposed Mr D Yeomans as Vice-Chairman and this was seconded by Mrs C Broom and passed by the meeting.

The Councillors elected to the Crewkerne and West Crewkerne Joint Burial Board committee are Mrs J Borland, Mrs C Broom and Mr F Freeman. The Clerk had sent an e-mail to Mr F Freeman last week asking if he was willing to stand as a Committee member and he had indicate that he was willing to be a committee member.

2. Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Mr F Freeman (Parish Councillor)

3. Public Open Forum.

Mr H Ploszek stated that CDS are offering £500.00 towards the cost of setting up Broadband to your home by making an application to them. A choice of providers is given via satellite or other methods of transmission. Mr H Ploszek has made an application and has had his application approved but is holding fire for the moment because BT open reach are being pushed by the Government to provide the service and open it up to other providers such as TalkTalk and Sky. You can go on the Parish website for details and follow the links provided.

Mr M. Wilson made a suggestion regarding the water across the road that has come up in other meetings. He asked if the field running parallel to the road had been ploughed and re-grassed? If so could they have damaged any drainage pipes when ploughing? Perhaps the Parish Council could consider this option?

Mrs Borland was dissatisfied with the response from the County Council stating that this drain had been cleared in the past but run off from the fields kept re blocking it, so they proposed to take no action. She would follow this up further, taking into account the comments from Mr Wilson.

4. Declarations of Interest in items on the Agenda.

No declarations were made from any of the Councillors.

5. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th May.

The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on the 8th May were approved by the meeting and proposed by Mr D Yeomans and seconded by Mrs C Broom.

6. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the Agenda.

The heating pipe that emits steam across the road, the Chairman has contacted South Somerset District Council Planning Department and they have stated that the pipe meets planning regulations.

The Chairman has contacted Somerset County Council Highways and they have come and erected one road sign back up. However Dunshams Lane still needs to be erected back up again, but this needs to be dealt with by South Somerset District Council. The bridge over the stream on the public footpath, the Chairman contacted the Environmental agency but they state this is a matter for South Somerset District Council, so she will contact them.

Regarding the poor state of the roads in West Crewkerne Parish, Mr J Dyke (Somerset County Councillor) and Mr M Fear (Somerset County Council Highways) came and looked at the roads and a written report should be available for the next Parish Council Meeting. The Chairman of the Parish Council asked if a road is an appalling stretch of road whether the Parish Council could sue the County Council for failing in their duty to maintain the roads to a satisfactory standard?

Mr Richard Newman had been to see Mr D Yeomans regarding the letter the Parish Clerk had sent to him. There are no ditches to clear out on the Woolminstone side but he will get the ditches cleared on his fields leading down towards Hewish.

Mrs J Borland had stated she was still trying to arrange a meeting with Crewkerne Town Council, they had come up with a date which was suitable.

The brambles at the junction of Wayford and Clapton had been cleared and visibility had been greatly improved.

A member of the public stated that there were now four vehicles parked at Mr Hughes' property at Fuzzy ground, when he thought that permission had only been granted for two vehicles. The Chairman will follow this up with the Planning Department.

Mrs C Broom stated that the hedges all along the land of Arthur Stoodley need to be cut back on the road side for safety reasons. Normally hedges would not be trimmed this time of year but they can be if it is for safety reasons. Mrs Broom would supply the details of the landowners of the overgrown hedges to the clerk so she could write to them asking for them to be cut back on the road edge.

7. 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 fed into the planning process and added to the report by the Planning Officer. South Somerset District Council is the Planning Authority and will issue the final decision notice (Planning Determination) once their investigations into the application, consultation period and decision making process has been completed.

A): 16/00285/FUL, South Lodge Maincombe Crewkerne Somerset TA18 7TZ.

Erection of a single storey extension to be used as an annexe.

(GR342740/109964).

Application permitted with Conditions.

B): 16/00630/COU, Wydale Plastics Ltd Cathole Bridge Road Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RF. Change of use of land to form Car Park with landscaping. (GR342973/109244).

Application permitted with conditions.

C): 16/00917/FUL, 9 Lily Court Clapton Road Clapton Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RA. The erection of an Orangery.

Application withdrawn

D): 16/01617/FUL, A H Warren Trust Ltd Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RR. Internal and external alterations to office.

The Parish Council having looked at the plans had no objection to the proposals on this planning application.

E): 16/01610/FUL, 2 Battery Cottages Hewish Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QU. Demolition of existing extension and the erection of a single storey rear extension

The Parish Council having looked at the plans for this proposed extension had no objections to the plans.

8. Highway Matters.

Mr R Newman is going to clear the ditches going down towards Hewish
Mr H Ploszek said that he thought that the drain at the end of Mr H Johnson land had been cleared.

9. Reports from Councillors

No reports from any Parish Councillors. Mr J Dyke (Somerset County Council Councillor) stated that next week was the Annual General Meeting of Somerset County Council and they would formally set the finance budget. He had nothing else to report.

10. Finance.

A) 1. To pay the Clerk's Salary of £157.62

2. To pay HMRC £39.40

3. To pay the Crewkerne Joint Burial Board precept of £2882.00

B) The Annual Receipts and Payments were not agreed at the meeting because the Internal Audit had not been carried out. The Clerk stated that this had been noted at the previous year's audit, and the internal audit must be completed before the Annual Governance Statement can be signed.

Looking at the Financial Regulations as long as Councillors have a meeting with the Clerk then the Receipts and Payments can be agreed at that meeting and the Chairman can sign the Annual Governance Statement.

C) The Bank Reconciliation statement was not agreed at this meeting for the reasons stated above.

D) The Annual statement of Accounts to 31st March 2016 was not approved at this meeting for reasons stated above.

E) The Annual Governance statement was not approved at this meeting for the Reasons stated above.

F) Mr M Wilson was asked if he was willing to continue as internal auditor, he indicated he was and he was duly appointed as internal auditor for the next financial year.

11. Correspondence

All the Parish Councillors confirmed that they had received the memos shown in the Agenda.

The letter from the Clapton and Wayford Village hall committee was read out to the meeting thanking the Parish Council for their donation towards the new carpet in the meeting room.

12. Comments from the Public regarding the Burial Board Precept.

Mr D Yeomans had received only one comment via the Facebook page for the Parish Council and that person wished to keep the precept. Mr H Ploszek had received no comments on the website. Mr D Yeomans stated that the matter could now be put to rest, however he did feel that next year the Parish Council should challenge the percentage used as Crewkerne had had more houses built since the last census.

13. Heating outlet pipe coming out on to the road at Clapton.

This matter already covered earlier,

14. The footpath over the bridge at Woolminstone.

Already covered earlier.

15. To confirm that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council would be held on the 12th July 2016.

It was confirmed that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council would be held at the Clapton & Wayford Village Hall on the 12th July 2016 at 7.00pm

Chairman