

Draft Minutes of the ANNUAL PARISH MEETING FOR WEST CREWKERNE
held on Tuesday 28th April 2015.

Present

Mrs Julia Borland (Chairman)
Mr Henryk Ploszek (Parish Councillor)
Mr John Wyatt (Parish Councillor)
Mrs Sue Osborne (District Councillor)
Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
6 members of the public.

1. Apologies for absence.

Apologies received from;
Mr F Broom (Parish Councillor)
Mr S Wetherall (Parish Councillor)
Mrs S Swaffield (Parish Councillor)
Mr John Dyke (Somerset County Councillor)

2. To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13th May 2014.

Minutes of the Annual General Meeting held on the 13th May 2014 approved by Mr John Wyatt and seconded by Mr Henryk Ploszek.

3. To receive reports from any Parish Organisation present.

No reports from any Parish Organisation.

4. To receive a report.

The Chairman gave her report for the last year.

5. Public Open Forum.

Mr D Yeomans raised the matter of the parish contribution to the Crewkerne Joint Burial Committee. Mr Yeomans had been in correspondence with a Mr Mike Smith at Somerset County Council who

had stated that the Parish Electoral figures for Wayford Parish had been added in to the West Crewkerne Parish figures. The Census figures for 2011 shows Crewkerne figure as 3802 and West Crewkerne with Wayford as 289. Mr Yeomans feels that as a Parish we are paying too much to the Burial Board. He also pointed out that there are now more cremations than burials. Mr Yeomans would like the Parish Council to look at our Contribution. The Chairman stated that she would look at her calculations again for the contribution to the Crewkerne Joint Burial Board. Mr John Wyatt stated that any disassociation from Crewkerne Joint Burial Board would need further discussion by West Crewkerne Parish Council.

6. To confirm that the next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall.

Confirmed that the next Annual Parish Meeting will be held on Tuesday 10th May 2016 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 7.15pm.

Chairman

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th April 2015 at
Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland (Chairman)
Mr Henryk Ploszek
Mr John Wyatt
Mrs Sue Osborne District Councillor

Also Present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
6 Members of Public

Meeting commenced at 7.20pm

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from;
Mr F Broom (Parish Councillor)
Mr Simon Wetherall (Parish Councillor)
Mrs Sally Swaffield (Parish Councillor)
Mr John Dyke (Somerset County Councillor)

2. Public Open Forum

No member of the public had anything further to say.

3. Declarations of interest in items on the agenda (Pecuniary or non-statutory interests).

None of the Parish Councillors declared any Pecuniary or non-statutory interest in any of the items on the agenda.

4. To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 10th March 2015.

Mrs Sue Osborne (District Councillor) wished to have an amendment made to the minutes of the 10th March 2015. The amendment was that the South Somerset District Council had dropped the Council Tax from £150.00 to £147.00. The amendment was made to the minutes of the meeting of the 10th March 2015 by the Clerk to the Parish at the meeting. The minutes were proposed for approval after the amendment by Mr Henryk Ploszek and seconded by Mr John Wyatt.

5. Matters arising from the minutes not covered elsewhere on the agenda.

No matters arising from the minutes.

6. 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): 15/01040/FUL Beer Farmhouse Woolminstone West Crewkerne, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QP. Erection of two bay car port to be attached to existing garage. (GR340996/107922)

Application permitted with conditions.

B): 15/00939/FUL Land OS5711, Clapton Road, Clapton, Crewkerne, Somerset TA18 8PW. The replacement of mobile home with the erection of 1 No. Gypsy Lodge (Revised Application) (Part Retrospective). (GR342605/108132)

The West Crewkerne Parish Council felt that the planning permission should not have been retrospective. The hedges around the property need to be kept in better order. The personal permission relating to this family needs to be enforced. The Chairman will post these comments on the SSDC Planning website.

C):15/00220/FUL A H Warren Trust Ltd Coombe Farm Roundham, Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RR. Demolition of existing stables and store building, erection of building to provide function room, café and retail unit. (GR341040/109531)

Consultation ongoing.

D):15/00480/FUL Unit D, Lower Coombe Farm, Roundham , Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RL. Alterations and extension of existing agricultural storage building. Temporary change of use to Use Class A1 (retail – to include the sale of guns and clothing) (GR341615/109700)

Consultation ongoing.

No news on either planning application C or D by the A H Warren Trust Ltd. The Chairman of the West Crewkerne Parish Council had contacted Mrs Hayden at the planning department of SSDC who stated that the planning applications are still with their legal department. Mrs Hayden did not know whether the planning applications would go before the Area West Committee in June.

E): 15/01503/FUL The Coach House Henley Manor Henley Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PQ. The erection of a porch to front elevation under existing canopy. (GR344061/107583)

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

F): 15/01504/LBC The Coach House Henley Manor Henley Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PQ. The erection of a porch to front elevation under existing canopy. (GR 344061/107583)

The Parish Council has no objections to this planning application.

7. Highway Matters.

The potholes are getting worse in the Parish. Mrs Sue Osborne stated that the potholes around Woolminstone are bad and verges there are still being driven on to avoid the potholes.

Sue Osborne has sent an e-mail to Mike Fear at Somerset County Council highways department but to date she has not heard back from him.

Coombe Farm have yet to put down scalping and tarmac to finish off their entrance.

Sue Osborne stated that some of the roads in West Crewkerne Parish have gone past the stage of the holes being filled and should now have a complete resurfacing job done on them.

Mr Don Yeomans stated that we talk about the state of the roads at the Parish Meetings and referring the matter to Mike Fear but we never get an answer as to whether roads are going to be done or not going to be done.

Mrs J Borland (Chairman) asked Sue Osborne (District Councillor) what the criteria was for repairing the roads, she did not know but thought it was financial.

Mr Don Yeomans asked if the District Councillor could not get an answer then she goes to the County Councillor and then can the County Councillor go to a higher authority?

If there are health and safety issue with a road then the Parish Council should make the County Council aware of the hazards.

The Parish Council can ask their County Councillor to send an e-mail to Mike Fear.

Sue Osborne stated that a lot of Somerset County Council highways budget this year had been spent on major repairs to the roads on the Somerset Levels and also major repairs on the road leading out of Ilminster which was in danger of collapsing completely.

Sue Osborne suggested inviting someone from the Highways department of Somerset County Council, possibly Mike Fear, to come and take part in a West Crewkerne Parish Meeting.

8. Reports from Councillors, including District and County Councillors

Sue Osborne stated that because of the General and District elections the District Council is in Purdah and she will not be able to report (providing she is re-elected) until after the elections.

Mr Henryk Ploszek nothing to report

Mr John Wyatt nothing to report.

Mrs Julia Borland nothing to report.

9. Finance.

A) To pay;

1. The Clerk's salary and HMRC of £111.67
2. To pay the Zurich Insurance renewal of £243.80
3. To pay the Joint Burial Board Precept of £2820.00

B) The Annual receipts and payments were approved for the year ended 31st March 2015.

C) The Bank reconciliation agreed at the 31st March 2015.

D) The Annual Statement of Accounts to 31st March 2015 was approved

E) To Annual Governance Statement was approved.

F) To confirm the Internal Auditor-Mr Mick Wilson agreed to take up the position of Internal Auditor.

10. To appoint a Councillor to the Joint Burial Board

Mrs Julia Borland was nominated by Mr John Wyatt and seconded by Mr Henryk Ploszek as the Councillor for the Joint Burial Board to represent West Crewkerne Parish Council.

11. Correspondence

All the correspondence listed had been sent to all the Parish Councillors. No comments or queries received from any of the Councillors.

12. Parish Council Elections

There were only two people who put their names forward for Parish Councillors. The Parish council requires a minimum of three councillors to make a quorum and the council therefore had vacancies for four more councillors. As the parish council cannot operate when inquorate then a further election would be necessary. The new election date for the Parish Council elections for West Crewkerne Parish will be 25th June 2015.

13. To confirm that the first meeting of the new Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Confirmed that the first meeting of the new Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 7th July 2015 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.25pm.

Chairman