

Minutes of the West Crewkerne Parish Council Meeting held at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall on Tuesday 13th March 2012.

Present: - Mrs J Borland (Chairman), Mr J Wyatt, Mr S Wetherall, Mr H Ploszek, Mrs S Swaffield, Mr F Broom and the Clerk Mr C D Payne. There was one member of the public present.

Apologies: - District Councillor Mrs S Osborne.

Absent: - Mrs K Turner.

Public Open Forum:-

Mr R Franklin spoke regarding the planning application relating to Hewish Mill Farm. He felt that the original objections made by the highways authority on 14th December 2011 had been ignored by the planners in granting the permission. It is noted that the highways concerns were subsequently lifted in an email to the planners on 10th February 2012.

Declarations of Interest: - Mrs J Borland & Mrs S Swaffield – The Former Sewage Treatment Site.

The minutes of the meeting held on 10th January 2012, having previously been circulated, were approved and signed as a true record.

Matters Arising:- None

Traffic Speed through Clapton:-

Recent Speed Watch events included police presence and resulted in 5 cars being stopped by the police and discussions held with the drivers regarding their speed.

Speed Indicator Device Results had been received for Clapton Farm for the period from 23rd January 2012 and the A30 for the period from 20th February 2012. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk should write to the County Council asking what was being achieved by these results and what action if any was being proposed.

Planning Applications:-

- 1) 11/04503/LBC – Hewish Mill Farm, Hewish. – Restoration and internal alterations to the Cottage. – Approved by SSDC.
- 2) 11/04505/LBC & 11/04504/FUL – Hewish Mill Farm, Hewish. – Dairy Parlour conversion to form 2 holiday let dwellings. – Approved by SSDC.
- 3) 11/04944/FUL – Hinton Park Farm, Hinton St. George. – Erection of a new grain dryer and store. – Approved by SSDC.
- 4) 12/00308/FUL – Henley Manor – Installation of garage door to existing garage. – Approved by SSDC.
- 5) 12/00027/FUL – Manor Grange, Hewish – The erection of a timber building. – Approved by SSDC.
- 6) 12/00554/LBC – Henley Manor. – The erection of a gate between existing pillars. – No objections.
- 7) 12/00503/FUL – Wydale Plastics, Cathole Bridge Road. – Installation of photovoltaic panels on south facing roof slopes. – No objections.
- 8) 12/00407/FUL – Land at Higher Purtington. – Change of use of land to equestrian show ground and riding facilities. The erection of 332 stables, judges boxes, sponsors pavilion, office, 4 rings with fencing and associated parking and landscaping. – Winsham Parish. – Concerns expressed included the ability of the current road system to deal with the expected volume of traffic on event days and the noise generated for public address systems on such days. The members were also concerned that bearing in mind the size of this development that the application was being made retrospectively.
- 9) Travellers Site, Crewkerne Road. – Andrew Gunn, SSDC Planner had visited the site and was awaiting a planning application for work being carried out.
- 10) SSDC Planning Training for Councillors. – Arrangements were being made for training to be provided in April 2012.

Bus Services:-

The members were pleased to receive a report that service number 99 was being re-routed to cover both Winsham and Clapton.

The Former Sewage Treatment Site:-

There had been no further correspondence since the last meeting and the Clerk was authorised to close his file on this matter.

Highway Matters:-

- 1) Hewish Cross-roads/Seaborough Turning. – It was recorded that a hole had been made by vehicles cutting the corner at this junction. Highways would be asked to inspect and take remedial action.
- 2) A vehicle came off the road leading to Folly Farm and it was thought that this was due to subsidence in the road. The Clerk was asked to report this to Highways.

Parish Web Site:-

Mr H Ploszek provided a written report to members detailing his research on a possible Parish Web Site. It was agreed not to pursue this venture as it was felt that there was sufficient web site coverage in the area.

Reports from Councillors:-

Mrs J Borland gave a report on behalf of the Burial Board which gave details of action being taken relating to a number of unsafe head stones.

Mr H Ploszek gave details of research he had carried out to Telephone Connection Points on behalf of the Devon & Somerset Broadband Improvement Scheme.

Mr H Ploszek also advised that he had joined the Friends of Crewkerne Station where he would represent the parish council.

Finance:-

Authority was given to pay the following accounts:-

- 1) Clerks Salary & Expenses for the half year ending 30th March 2012 - £493.26.
- 2) Income Tax on 1) above - £96.20.
- 3) SALC Affiliation Fees - £126.78.

Correspondence:-

1) SSDC – Core Strategy Meeting 21.3.12 The Shrubbery, Ilminster.

2) Community & Neighbourhood Planning. – Details retained on file pending full information being provided by SSDC.

3) Appointment of Trustees of the Matthew Chubb, Mary Davies & Others Almshouse Charity. – Mr J Wyatt nominated.

4) Electoral Review of Somerset. – Details retained on file.

5) Crimestoppers. – Details retained on file.

The next meeting was arranged for Tuesday 8th May 2012 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm.