

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 13th January 2015
at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall.

Members Present

Mrs Julia Borland (Chairman)
Mr Henryk Ploszek
Mr John Wyatt
Mrs Sally Swaffield

Also Present

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

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from;
Mr F Broom (Parish Councillor)
Mr S Wetherall (Parish Councillor)
Mrs S Osborne (District Councillor)
Mr J Dyke (Somerset County Council Councillor)

2. Public Open Forum

Mike Wilson complained about the state of the lanes in the Parish. There is a particularly bad pothole at blocked stream crossing on the Woolminstone to Hewish road.

He also asked if there was anything that could be done about the speed at which people travel by the Clapton Toll House bus stop bend. The Police Officer present A Hollick stated that before a speed watch could be sited along that bendy road, the area would have to be risk assessed. A motorbike from the speed enforcement unit with a speed gun would have more leeway than a camera van. Presently there is no speed limit on this section. If signs are put up along that road it means more clutter and people do not always read the signs.

3. Declaration of Interest

Mrs Sally Swaffield and Mr John Wyatt both declared an interest in 8 (c) and (d).

4. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2014.

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved by all the Councillors present as a true and accurate record. Proposed by Mr John Wyatt and seconded by Mr Henryk Ploszek.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

6. Police Monthly "Surgery"

Constable Alan Hollick introduced himself and stated that he covered the Chard Rural Area together with a PCSO Richard Oaten. They wanted to create a Police Surgery in the West Crewkerne Parish where people could come and discuss any issues that would come under the Police jurisdiction. The surgery would be taken probably either by Constable Hollick or his PCSO Richard Oaten.

The Chairman suggested the 2nd Friday of each month at the Clapton & Wayford village hall between 10am and 2pm. A luncheon club was held in the village hall on those Fridays between the above hours and included Wayford residents as well. The date and time was acceptable to Constable Hollick. If for any reason a Police Surgery was unable to be convened he would let the Chairman Mrs Julia Borland know and reschedule the Surgery for another date.

A requested PDF map of Chard Rural Area for the WCPC website would be sent to the Chairman.

7. Legal Briefing

The Chairman asked the Councillors if they had all read The Transparency Code for Parish Councils, they stated they had. The Parish Council awaits further information from NALC.

8. Planning Matters.

(A) 14/0515/FUL The Linney Henley Manor Henley Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QP. The erection of an oak framed porch. (GR 344018/107648) **Application Granted.**

(B) 14/05081/TPO The Linney, 16 Henley Manor Henley Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8QP Application to carry out works to an evergreen Oak tree within the South Somerset District Council Tree Preservation Order (West Crewkerne 1) 2000 (GR344018/107648)

Application permitted with conditions.

(C) 14/0698/FUL AH Warren Trust Ltd, Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RR. Demolition of existing stables and store building, erection of building to provide function room and retail store (to include ancillary shooting up to 100 shots per day) and 28 days of shooting (9.30am to 5.00pm) per year. (GR 341615/109700)

(D) 14/04699/FUL Lower Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8RL Change of use of land to a mixed use of agricultural and equestrian and the relocation and extension to stable/storage building. (GR341364/106408)

Coombe Farm has extended an invitation to representatives from the West Crewkerne Parish Council to a site meeting on the 15th January 2015 at 2pm. Henryk Ploszek & John Wyatt are going to represent the Parish Council. The Planning Application will go before Area West in February now not January.

The 100 shots a day would mean continuous shooting throughout the day. An ecology report needs to be done on the effect the shooting would have on protected species within the surrounding area.

There is also concern over the water run off from the proposed car park whether this will cause additional flooding in Hewish which is already prone to flooding.

There is also concern over lead entering the water course and the effect this will have on streams and wildlife.

No representative from A H Warren Trust has engaged with the local communities regarding the proposed planning application. The objections that have been raised on the South Somerset District Council Website, no feedback or reply has been received from the A H Warren Trust.

(E) 14/03626/LBC Axe Farm Axe Road Drimpton Beaminster Dorset DT8 3RJ.
Internal alterations (implemented) (GR341491/106023).

Application permitted with conditions.

9. Highway Matters

There are no grit bins in the West Crewkerne Parish Council area. Dunsham Lane flooding problem has been repaired.

10. Reports from Councillors.

Mrs S Swaffield had nothing to report

Mr H Ploszek had nothing to report

Mr John Wyatt gave a report regarding the business of the burial board.

Two chapels in Crewkerne Cemetery and one of the chapels needs underpinning and the estimated cost is £5000.00. The Lodge needs a new boiler and pipework.

One of the graves in the Cemetery has had bright pink shingle placed on the grave, this will have to be removed.

The Burial Board is considering purchasing a wacker plate to tamper down the shingle paths in the cemetery. A member of the public suggested hiring a vibrating roller would be a better proposition for tamping down the shingle. He stated that a wacker plate can only be used on thin layers of shingle.

11. Finance

(A)&(B) To pay the clerk's salary and expenses and HMRC which totalled £117.88

(C) Pay invoice for part work completed on the hall foyer room which totalled £261.06.

(D) South Somerset District Council has calculated the Tax Base and Grant Allocation for West Crewkerne Parish Council as £218.87 and £215 respectively.

(E) The West Crewkerne Parish Council precept for 2015-16 has been proposed at £6370. Proposed for acceptance by Henry Ploszek and seconded by John Wyatt. The proposed precept was accepted by the meeting. The Chairman stated that there will be costs for the new Parish council following the May elections. Four councillors had declared they would not be standing for election. Mr Henryk Ploszek also stated that the maintenance of the web domain needed to be paid which amounted to £29.99.

Mr D Yeomans asked if he could have breakdown of the figure that West Crewkerne Parish pay to the Crewkerne Joint Burial Board with the percentage that Crewkerne Parish pay. His reason for asking is that the number of households has gone up in Crewkerne parish compared to West Crewkerne Parish but West Crewkerne Parish appears to be paying the same percentage. He would have expected a reduction in the percentage that West Crewkerne Parish is paying to the Burial Board.

12. Correspondence.

All the listed correspondence had been sent to the Parish Councillors. Although there was little interest at the meeting in the Somerset Local Access Forum Mr H Ploszek will advertise it on the website. Broadband is due for completion in West Crewkerne in October 2015 and any update would be notified via the web site. The Siren for the older person is regularly uploaded on to the parish council website.

13. To confirm the date of next Parish Council Meeting

The next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 10th March 2015 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm. This will be the last meeting of this present parish council before the elections in May 2015.

Meeting closed at 8.30pm

Chairman