

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2014 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall.

Members Present

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

Also present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
Mr John Dyke (County Councillor)
1 member of the public

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from;
Mr F Broom-Councillor
Mrs Sue Osborne (District Councillor)

2. Public Open Forum

Nobody wished to speak at the Public Open Forum.

3. Declaration of Interest

Mrs S Swaffield declared an interest in 8B & C and 11B.
Mrs J Borland declared an interest in 11B.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 14th May 2014.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting were approved by all the Councillors and signed by the Chairman with a proviso that Mr F Broom's name be corrected.

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

The Chairman following an informal conversation with Crewkerne Police Beat Manager Andy Stuart gave a verbal report that no fly-grazing or burglaries had been reported in the West Crewkerne Parish in the past couple of months.

6. Parish Plan

At the recent elections some of the West Crewkerne Parish Councillors canvassed the electorate on whether they would be interested in a Parish Plan being compiled. 92 of the electorate showed an interest in having a Parish Plan although some of the electorate were from Wayford Parish. The Chairman will speak to Barbara Woodward, who is Chairman of Wayford Parish Council, and ask to speak at Wayford parish council to explain the possibility of setting up a Joint Parish Plan, after the school holidays. A suggestion was made that an advertisement should be placed in the Church magazine after the 26th September, detailing an invitation to all interested residents in setting up a parish plan working party

7. Statement of Risk

The statement of risk was accepted by all the Councillors at the meeting and was proposed by Mr Henry Ploszek and seconded by Mr Simon Wetherall.

8. Planning Matters

- A. 14/02003/FUL Hillside Farm Hewish Crewkerne TA18 8QS - No objections to the planning application by the Parish Councillors.
- B. 14/02855/FUL Mill House Clapton Crewkerne TA18 8PU – Good Plan, the restoration will be an asset to Clapton. No objection to the plans from the Parish Councillors. Mrs S Swaffield took no part in the discussion.

- C. 14/02856/LBC Mill House Clapton Crewkerne TA18 8PU – Good Plan, the restoration will be an asset to Clapton. No objection to the plans from the Parish Councillors. Mrs S Swaffield took no part in the discussion.

9. Highway Matters

Potholes have been repaired in the West Crewkerne Parish but Dunshams Lane still needs to be sorted out.

Concern was also expressed about the lack of cutting of verges. This did make for difficulty in vision when driving, especially when pulling out at junctions.

10. Reports from Councillors

No report from Mr Henryk Ploszek

Nothing to report from Mr John Wyatt

Mr Simon Wetherall reported from the meeting of the Crewkerne Burial Board.

There is a considerable amount of tree surgery to be done in the Cemetery, otherwise it is tidy and up together. One of the gateposts into the Cemetery was knocked down by a scaffolding lorry and is awaiting repair.

No report from Mrs Sally Swaffield

Mrs Julia Borland reported that after many protracted years of negotiation Clapton and Wayford Village Hall had acquired the land at the side of the village hall on lease for a nominal rent. Plans were well underway with the support of County and District Councillors to make this land available for use.

Mr John Dyke stated that he had been to a meeting on waste disposal and that Somerset County had recycled 50-51% of its waste.

11. Finance

- (a) Required to pay the clerk's salary and to pay H M revenue & Customs the tax deducted from that salary. Cheques for the above were duly signed by the signatories.
- (b) Pay the agreed village hall grant of £500 and hall hire of £60 for bi monthly meeting of parish council.

12. Correspondence

There was going to be a temporary closure of Cathole Bridge Road for 1 night on the 14th August 2014. (*Cancelled by Centurion, next 3rd November 2014*)

An e-mail had been received which gave details of the changes to Avon & Somerset Constabulary, particularly our Ilminster Beat, renamed to Chard Rural, with new Rural Beat Manager & Rural PCSO. Details on WCPC website.

Letter from Clapton & Wayford Village Hall secretary thanking the parish council for the offer of funding to revamp the room above the loft.

Details had also been received about a Heritage Lottery Funded project focussing on lichens and mosses of the Atlantic woodlands.

- 13. Confirmed that the next meeting of the West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 9th September 2014 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7pm.**

Meeting closed at 7.55pm.

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Chairman