

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 11th November 2014 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

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

Also Present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
Mr John Dyke (County Councillor)
Mrs Sue Osborne (District Councillor)
36 Members of the Public

Meeting commenced at 7pm.

1. Apologies of Absence

Apologies received from;
Mr F Broom (Parish Councillor)

2. Public Open Forum

The Chairman addressed the meeting, stating that she realised the majority of the people present had come to the meeting to air their views on the planning applications listed at item 6. Therefore she would bring item 6a & b forward for discussion now. The Chairman asked that no more than 10 people speak and for a maximum of 3 minutes after which there would be a short recess. If anybody wished to stay for the rest of the Parish Council meeting they would be more than welcome otherwise they were free to leave after the planning applications discussion. Before discussion took place The Chairman read out the following;
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.

6. Planning Matters

A) 14/04699/FUL	Lower Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Som TA18 8RL	Change of use of land to a mixed use of agricultural & equestrian and the relocation and extension to stable/storage building (GR341615/109700)
B) 14/04698/FUL	Lower Coombe Farm Roundham Crewkerne Som TA18 8RL	Demolition of existing stables & store building and the erection of a shooting school, associated retail store & function room. (GR341615/109700)

Several members of the public complained about the lack of notification from South Somerset District Council to residents in the whole area of West Crewkerne Parish.

Mr Don Yeomans has sent in a formal objection to the planning applications on several points. The objections can be viewed on the SSDC planning website.

Pat Congden runs a riding school some of her pupils are disabled riders. The bridleway she uses is only a short distance from the proposed site of the shooting range. If this planning application goes ahead it would ruin her business as horses and continuous shooting from a shooting range do not mix.

Tim Donett stated that he and his wife have just opened a Bed & Breakfast in Hewish Lane in the last year. The proposed times of opening the shooting range would ruin the peace and tranquillity of the area which is what his clientele come for. Therefore this proposal for a shooting range would ruin his business.

Roger Franklin stated that the plans do not give any details of the range size, the range location, security of the guns and associated products. The amount of noise pollution. There would be an impact on the local roads and area from increased road traffic. There would be an environmental impact from the water and waste run off. This point was made by several other members of the public.

Mr Heyden also incorporated several of the points raised by other members of the public.

Several members of the public made the point that jobs created would be minimal whereas the environmental impact on the area would be devastating.

Sue Osborne (District Councillor) stated that the five points to consider when reviewing these or any planning applications are;

Highways issue, Landscape, residential amenities, tranquillity and business and economic impact. Sue Osborne also stated that Paul Saunders at South Somerset District Council has asked for an environmental study.

John Dyke (County Councillor) stated that West Crewkerne Parish does not have the status of an Area of Outstanding Beauty.

The Chairman reminded all the members of the Public present that the Parish Council can submit a formal objection to the planning applications but that ultimately the decision will be made by the District Council. The Chairman advised everyone present to write in to the District Council with their objections. The more

objections sent in raises the awareness to the District Council of the depth of feeling among the residents of West Crewkerne Parish against the planning applications. The Chairman stated she would be at the village hall on Friday 14th November and she would make the plans available between 10am and 2pm if anyone wished to view them.

Adrienne Pyke thanked Don Yeomans for putting flyers through residents' letterboxes in Roundham letting them know about the planning applications. The Chairman called for a 5 minute recess to the Parish Council meeting and then the meeting would continue as per the Agenda. Members of the Public were welcome to stay for the rest of the meeting if they so wished.

Meeting suspended at 8.37pm for 5 minutes. Two members of the public remained.

3. Declaration of Interest

John Wyatt declared a pecuniary interest in items 6(a) and (b), but having informed the Chairman before the meeting, he thereby abstained from any discussion on these previous items.

4. To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2014.

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes.

No matters arising from the minutes.

6. Planning Matters.

C) 14/03626/LBC Axe Farm Axe Road Drimpton Beaminster Dorset DT8 3RU. Parish Council had no adverse comments, but Planning application still pending consideration by Conservation Officer.

7. To Approve and Adopt the Social Media Policy.

The Social Media Policy was adopted on the 11th November 2014 and incorporated into the Standing orders of the Parish Council.

8. The Parish Plan.

The Chairman reported that a parish plan needed to be community led. As yet there had been no one within the parish who had come forward as a lead. The Chairman stated that due to her many commitments she would be unable to further the parish plan at this time. She proposed that with the forthcoming parish council elections in

May 2015 , combined with the retirement of at least three councillors any further discussions should be left to the new parish council. At that time there may be new councillors who would be inclined to be involved in developing a parish plan. This proposal was accepted by other councillors present.

9. Highway Matters

Dunshams Lane not sorted but repairs being undertaken now. The road at Roundham is still not sorted, water still laying there. Road signs obscured by foliage between Clapton and Hewish Cross where the hedge needs to be cut back. John Dyke (County Councillor) stated that hedges are the responsibility of the landowner. Due to many road incidents on Clapton Road on two bends in between Hewish crossroads and Clapton Tollhouse, there is an urgent need to install warning arrows to show the relative severity of these corners.

John Dyke (Somerset County Councillor) stated that the Parish Council needs to get in touch with Colin Fletcher at Somerset County Council. At Roundham the ditch needs to be cleared but this is owned by Coombe Farm.

10. Reports

Henryk Ploszek – The Standing Orders of West Crewkerne Parish Council have been amended.

He spoke to British Telecom regarding the superfast broadband and when West Crewkerne Parish would be scheduled to receive it. The broadband should be activated in October 2015. The delay is due to sourcing power and way-leave requests.

John Wyatt- Burial Board had requested edging at the new part of the Cemetery. This has now been done and a good job has been done. The Open day at the Cemetery went well and was very beneficial.

Simon Wetherall – Apologised for not making the September Parish Council Meeting due to harvesting commitments.

Sue Osborne (District Councillor) –Explained that the SSDC local plan has yet to be approved which will then give more say in district local planning. The District Council is only keeping 5p in the pound from business rates.

Taxi licensing policy – 20% of an owner's taxis have to be wheelchair friendly.

British Telecom are looking to remove the Red Phone Booth outside of the Clapton and Wayford village hall. The Parish Council could rent the phone booth from British Telecom for £1.00 per year but the Parish Council would be responsible for its upkeep. Other Parish Councils have rented the phone booths and kept a defibrillator in them. The Parish Council could approach Somerset County Council for money towards the defibrillator?

John Dyke (Somerset County Councillor) – The consultation on the local libraries looks to save 60 thousands of pounds on the mobile library but it is not clear from the consultation document where the rest of the savings are coming from. The Chairman stated that the mobile library does not call at West Crewkerne Parish. The First Group are looking at the Bus Services No. 99 & 99A which affect the West Crewkerne Parish. There is a consultation currently being undertaken to find out the usage of these routes.

Gleeson appeal – Goldwell Farm – The appeal against building houses was upheld on environmental and sustainability grounds.

11. Finance.

11a & 11b to pay the Clerk's salary for September & October and HMRC which amounted to £67.36.

Half yearly accounts (Appendix 1) for West Crewkerne Parish Council had been e-mailed to all the Councillors and the Clerk by the Chairman. All the Councillors satisfied with the accounts.

Precept – This will need to be considered at the meeting in January 2015. There is likely to be a cap on the money given to Parish Councils from Local Government.

12. Correspondence.

John Dyke (County Councillor) had already touched on the consultation on local libraries in his report.

Somerset Waste Partnership Recycling & Refuse Collections Bank Holiday Changes. The invitation from the Rotary Club of Yeovil, John Wyatt (Parish Councillor) stated that the tickets for this event had sold out 3 weeks previous.

13. Agreed next meeting will be held on 13th January 2015 at Clapton & Wayford village hall at 7.00pm.

Meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Chairman

West Crewkerne PC - Half Yearly Review of Accounts – as at 30th September 2014

Appendix 1
to Minutes of a Meeting 11 Nov 2014

RECEIPTS	Details	Precept	Interest		Total
14/05/2014	Precept	5740.00			5740.00
30/06/2014	Interest		1.02		1.02
	Total	5740.00	1.02		5741.02

PAYMENTS		Audit	Grants	Admin	B Board	Insurance	Salary/Tax	VAT	Total
13/05/2014	Burial Board				2430.00				2430.00
13/05/2014	Zurich					243.80			243.80
13/05/2014	SALC			138.96					138.96
13/05/2014	SALC			55.00					55.00
13/05/2014	Burial Board				350.00				350.00
08/07/2014	Clerk's Pay						94.59		94.59
08/07/2014	HMRC						23.40		23.40
08/07/2014	Village Hall hire			60.00					60.00
08/07/2014	Village Hall grant		500.00						500.00
09/09/2014	HMRC						50.80		50.80
09/09/2014	Clerk's pay/expenses			56.25			203.90		260.15
09/09/2014	Village Hall loft grant		398.94						398.94
	Total	0.00	898.94	310.21	2780.00	243.80	372.69	0.00	4605.64

BUDGET	Details	Actual to 30/09/14	Half Year to 30/09/14	Half Year Variance	Full Year to 31/03/15
RECEIPTS	Precept	5740.00	5740.00	0.00	5740.00
	Interest	1.02	1.25	-0.23	2.50
	Total	5741.02	5741.25	-0.23	5742.50
PAYMENTS	Audit	0.00	0.00	0.00	
	Grants	898.94	250.00	648.94	500.00
	Administration	310.21	150.00	160.21	300.00
	Burial Board	2750.00	1215.00	1535.00	2430.00
	Insurance	243.80	125.00	118.80	250.00
	Salaries (inc Tax)	372.69	600.00	-227.31	1200.00
	VAT	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	Parish Plan	0.00	500.00	-500.00	1000.00
	General Reserve	30.00	30.00	0.00	60.00
	Total	4605.64	2870.00	1735.64	5740.00