

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 9th September 2014 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall

Members Present

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

Also Present

Miss Jackie Parsons (Parish Clerk)
Mr John Dyke (County Councillor)
Mrs Sue Osborne (District Councillor)
2 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)

2. Public Open Forum

Nobody wished to speak at the Public Open Forum.

3. Declaration of Interest

No declarations of Interest in any of the matters for discussion.

4. To Approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on the 8th July 2014.

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

5. Matters arising from the Minutes

Mr Henryk Ploszek stated that the name of the local beat manager for Avon & Somerset Constabulary is now on the West Crewkerne Parish Council Website.

6. To note The Openness of Local Government Bodies Regulations 2014 and to discuss its implications at Council Meetings.

The public are now allowed to film proceedings at Parish Council Meetings as set out in the Openness of Local Government Policy. Therefore West Crewkerne Parish Council Standing Orders need to be amended but with the proviso that Children and vulnerable Adults are not to be filmed. These regulations apply to all Councils and Authorities. John Dyke (County Councillor) stated that District Councils and County Councils are also starting audio recordings of their meetings.

7. To receive a draft copy of a social media policy document for discussion and adoption subject to approval at the November meeting of the Parish Council.

Social Media policy distributed to the Councillors to read and discuss at the next Parish Council Meeting.

8. The Parish Plan.

There is an intended Open meeting on 18th October 2014 at Clapton and Wayford Village Hall between 9.00am and 1.00pm. The meeting will be advertised in the Church Magazine and in the Hall. From the meeting it can then be ascertained what interest there is in a Parish Plan and whether that interest can then be turned into positive action to take the plan forward with input from the parishioners as to what they wish to see in the Parish Plan.

9. Planning Matters.

A: 14/03626/LBC Axe Farm Axe Road Drimpton Beaminster Dorset DT8 3RJ. A retrospective planning application so work has already been carried out.

B: 14/02855/FUL Mill House Clapton Road Clapton Crewkerne Somerset TA18 8PU. Application has been permitted but with conditions. Councillors felt there was nothing to add.

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10. Highway Matters.

Clapton to the bungalow called Coppersfield on the Cewkerne Road, had been patched, but not done properly.

John Wyatt stated the Roundham resurfacing will not alleviate the problem of flooding because the loose chippings at the side of the road block the drains and this then causes flooding. Dunsham Lane has not been resurfaced properly.

John Dyke(County Councillor) stated that this was not just a problem in the West Crewkerne Parish but in other areas as well.

11. Reports from Councillors.

Sue Osborne (District Councillor) stated there were 6 items put out for discussion on the local plan. These items are on the District Council Website.

Affordable Housing.

Grants to Village Halls need to be applied for.

John Dyke (County Councillor) stated that he has a budget of £5000 for Health & Wellbeing, if we would like to make an application for any project that has the Health & Wellbeing of the parish at its core. The window for applications closes on the 30th November 2014.

There is a planning application put in for houses on the Old Coal Yard on the Misterton side of Crewkerne Station. Although not in West Crewkerne Parish there are concerns over the site access road on to the main through road.

Somerset County Council has to make savings of £30 million over the region, so many of the services currently offered will be affected.

Consideration is being given to raising a flooding precept on each household in Somerset to help towards the cost of dredging the rivers on the levels.

Henryk Ploszek stated that the Friends of Crewkerne Station had received a letter and a small donation from a lady at Henley Manor complimenting them for supplying and maintaining the flowering tubs on the station platforms, providing a very welcoming appearance.

John Wyatt stated the Friday 12th September 2014 was Safety Awareness day. Sue Mountstephens Police Commissioner for Avon & Somerset is to visit Crewkerne.

Julia Borland reported that she had written to Highway and Planning Authorities regarding the sign for Oathill Farm (for which no planning consultation had been received) and she is awaiting a reply.

It is Speed Awareness day on Thursday 11th September 2014.

On Sunday 14th September Townsend Cemetery Crewkerne has an Open day.

12. Finance.

A. Pay Clerk's salary and expenses £318.95

B. Pay invoice of £398.94 for part work completed for the hall foyer room WCPC Office.

Cheques drawn and signed by the two signatories.

13. Correspondence.

E-Mail regarding Mobile Shop - The Councillors felt that a mobile shop would not benefit the Parish. There were no elderly or disabled persons' bungalows in the Parish which may be the sector that would use the facility.

E-Mail regarding Spring Bulbs – The District Council's offer of spring bulbs for the parish was again welcomed. *(Note of Action: Clerk notified SSDC of acceptance)*

E-Mails regarding SID Monitoring –

- A. Roundham results - 12th to 27th August were listed. Results were noted.
- B. Clapton result – Failure to install a monitor by Clapton Farm was due to foliage at installation, which would have led to false readings. As a result of some owners' past complaints, regarding the removal of vegetation by installers, this practice is not now encouraged or allowed. The owner will be approached.

14. Confirmation of the Next Parish Meeting.

Confirmed that the next meeting of West Crewkerne Parish Council will be held on **Tuesday 11th November 2014 at Clapton & Wayford Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman