

WEST CREWKERNE PARISH COUNCIL

Incorporating Clapton, Hewish, Woolminstone, Roundham & Henley Manor

Minutes of the Ordinary Council Meeting held 24th September 2026

Present: Cllrs J. Borland (Chair), C. Broom, J. Archer, and J. Holt.

Also in attendance was County Councillors Steve Ashton and Mike Best, and Clerk to the Council R. Richards

450 Members to receive apologies for absence and to approve the reasons given

All Councillors were in attendance

451 To receive any Declarations of Interest (pecuniary or non-statutory) – None received

452 Open Forum including Somerset Councillors Reports – County Cllrs Ashton and Best gave reports.

Full Fibre Broadband Postponed due to illness

453 Approve the Minutes of the Council Meetings held 23rd July 2026

Resolved: Members approved the Minutes **Proposed:** Cllr Borland **Seconded:** Cllr Archer **Vote:** 4-0-0

454 Outstanding Items Update

- a) Joint Community Emergency Plan with Wayford PC

Wayford have sent through version 1 which will be distributed to all councillors for consideration.

- b) Speed Indicator Device reports

Reports for both devices were provided by Cllr Archer. Information shows that the majority of vehicles are traveling at 40 mph or less. Residents have remarked that there is a vast improvement on speeds through the village since the SIDs have been erected.

455 Planning Matters

- a) Members to resolve Applications received: None
- b) Applications Decisions received: None
- c) Applications Awaiting Decision: 24/03010/FUL Land Adj to Crewkerne Straight TA18 8RJ

456 Finance

Members to approve the September Bankline payments and the previous two months bank reconciliations

Resolved: Members approved the Bankline payments and the bank reconciliations for July and August

Proposed: Cllr Archer **Seconded:** Cllr Broom **Vote:** 4-0-0

457 Document Review

- a) Information and Data Protection Policy
- b) Information Technology Policy

Resolved: Members unanimously adopted both policies

458 Report from the Joint Burial Committee – See Appendix 1

459 Highways Matters and Flooding Issues including the speed limit at Clapton Bridge

- A resident has raised concerns that the speed limit on Clapton Bridge should be reduced to avoid further accidents. Several other residents have reported that the overgrown hedges on the approach to the bridge need cutting back as they limit visibility. Both issues have been reported to Highways. **Action:** Clerk to follow up.
- Members to put together a plan to apply for funding from 'My Community Programme' for the two usual flooding problem areas, Cathole Bridge Road towards Roundham and the B3165, from Seaborough/Hewish crossroads all the way through to Clapton, beyond Dunsham Lane, and also include Dunsham Lane towards Wayford.

460 Public Rights of Way – Nothing to report

461 Report from the latest Crewkerne and Ilminster LCN Meeting – Steve Ashton gave a short report on the Highways Discussion meeting with Adam Dance.

462 Clerk's Report & Correspondence

- Letter of thanks received from Clapton & Wayford Village Hall.
- The overhanging branches were reported to the National Grid and photos provided. These have been assessed as not urgent but have been added to their schedule of works.
- The Community Infrastructure Levy Annual Report has been completed and returned to Somerset Council.
- From 2027 a digital portal is being introduced for AGAR submissions
- The 6 months spend to budget previously circulated to councillors showed we are currently on track to meet our precepted budget amount.

Confidential Items

Proposal: Under Standing Orders 3d and 10xi the Parish Council resolves that in view of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted (legal, personal, or commercial), the press and public be excluded and they are instructed to withdraw.

463 Members to consider purchasing extended warranty for the Speed Indicator Device

The decision was postponed until November so that further research can be carried out.

464 Date of Next Meeting: 26th November 2026

Meeting Closed at: 8.05pm