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Councillors are hereby summoned and members of the press and public are invited to attend a meeting of the **Full Council** to be held remotely on **Monday 22 February 2021 at 6.45pm.**

**Note:**

- **Members of the public who wish to attend can access the meeting through the following link:**  
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCTA9K-7L4Onjcli2Gtz7tCg>
- **Members of the public who wish to speak at the “Open Forum” section of the meeting are kindly requested to contact the Town Council office (details above), where they will be given joining details.**

Peter Davidson, Town Clerk  
16 February 2021

### A G E N D A

1. **To note apologies for absence**
2. **Open Forum:** Questions may be put to the Council during this Public Participation Session of up to 15 minutes and a maximum of 3 minutes per person.
3. **To confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meetings** held on 25 January and 8 February 2021.
4. **Declarations of interest** in items on the agenda.
5. **To receive reports from the County and District Councillors.**
6. **Clerk’s progress report:** to receive an update report (for information).
7. **Finance:**
  - a) To approve the accounts for payment for February as listed.
  - b) To report the bank reconciliation for January 2021 has been completed.
  - c) Rents and hire charges: to consider the proposal that rents/ license fees should again be waived for 2021/22.
8. **Ownership of Severalls war memorial:** to consider the SSDC proposal for change of ownership of the Severalls war memorial.
9. **Councillor rep for the Community Safety Group:** to confirm that Cllr. Aslett is to take over from Cllr. Hodgson as the second representative for the Community Safety Group, alongside Cllr. Best.
10. **Correspondence:** to receive correspondence from a resident concerning 5G.
11. **To receive Committee and Working Group minutes:**
  - a) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 8 February 2021.
12. **To receive Matters of Report** (for information only)
13. **Next meeting** on Monday 29 March 2021 at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber.

In accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s 1(2), to resolve that the press and members of the public be excluded from following items having regard to the confidential issues to be discussed.

**Confidential Session: Exclusion of the Press & Public - Contractual matter**



## Ownership of Severalls War Memorial

Councillors will recall that, last year, we were prompted by SSDC about the potential transfer of the Severalls war memorial and surrounding land from SSDC to CTC ownership. This was discussed at Council and it was agreed to put to SSDC that the Town Council would agree to the transfer, as long as it consisted only of the war memorial itself and the associated oval section of land (ie not including the grass verges).

We have finally received the following response from SSDC:

*“I have presented the request from CTC to transfer the land at Severalls to the disposal assessment group and consulted with the relevant officers. Unfortunately, the DAG has recommended refusal for the following reason –*

*SSDC need to retain the strategic open spaces across the District and there have been no concerns raised about the management of the area. Due to this area in Crewkerne being the only open space in the town, environmental services have asked that it is retained. As the TC is unwilling to take on the verges within the title, SSDC will have to travel to cut/maintain the rest of the road verges so is very little benefit to the service. If the town council want to improve the landscape content of the site, environmental services team would be happy to work with them to achieve this.*

*From my consultation, I understand that environmental services has already been involved in a WW1 centenary joint project with CTC and the RBL for Severalls Park with the work being funded by RBL and CTC with SSDC just funding the fencing and path upgrades.*

*DAG have recommended the following to CTC – **offer the disposal of the War Memorial only and grant unrestricted access to it at nil consideration**; which would enable the original objective requested to be achieved by the Town Council, whilst SSDC retain the open space, which they currently maintain along with surrounding verges to a good standard for the benefit of the town and its residents/visitors.*

*Could you discuss this with the TC and let me know how you would like to proceed?”*

So SSDC’s counter proposal is that CTC take on ownership but just of the war memorial itself.

Some Councillors may have thought that the memorial was already owned by CTC but this is not the case. Digging back through old records, it transpires that, many, many years ago, the Town Council resolved that, as the Severalls war memorial was of historic significance and as the District Council was showing no signs of maintaining the memorial, the Town Council took it upon itself to maintain the monument. The transfer of ownership of the memorial to CTC would therefore formalise what is currently an informal arrangement.