

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held on Monday 8 March 2021 at 8.19 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. D. Wakeman (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, R. Cottle, B. Hodgson, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roberts and J. Roundell Greene.

In attendance: Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and approximately 10 members of the public via YouTube.

30 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/21

Apologies were received from Cllrs. K. Head (unwell) and A. Stuart (unwell).

31 OPEN FORUM

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No matters raised.

32 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

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It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 11 January 2021 be **APPROVED**.

33 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

34 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIRMAN

20/21 To receive an update report from the Amenities Chairman

The Chairman reported on the following:

GRC: the Chairman reported that good progress had been made in resolving the outstanding building maintenance tasks. Work was now ongoing to undertake improvements to the building, including the addition of air conditioning, improved signage and internal redecoration. Meetings were planned with the sports clubs to discuss future usage of the building.

Benches on Henhayes: the Chairman made the point that requests had been made for more benches on Henhayes, but this would need to be achieved progressively and respecting the different users of Henhayes. He was in the process of working up a costed proposal for consideration by the Council. Cllr. Best suggested that priority should be given to replacing the vandalised bench which had been in place under the oak tree next to the playground entrance, as this was a popular spot to sit.

Falkland Square public toilets: the Council had now chosen a contractor to undertake the refurbishment work, which was likely to take place in the summer.

Severalls war memorial grounds fencing: the fencing along the Lang Road side of the tennis courts had now been repaired and consideration was now being given to fencing at the rear of the courts.

Barn Street fire-damaged tree: Cllr. Best noted that the fire-damaged tree at the Barn Street recreation ground required regular inspections and asked whether one had been carried out recently. The Clerk responded by stating that an inspection had been carried out recently, which had confirmed that the tree remained in good health, although the arborist had recommended that mulching be applied at the base of the tree. The Clerk added that the mulching had now been carried out.

35 **REQUEST FROM THE CRICKET CLUB FOR WEEKEND PARKING ON HENHAYES**

20/21 To consider the request from the Cricket Club for weekend parking on the Henhayes car park

Councillors noted that the Deputy Clerk had been in communication with the NHS vaccination manager at Henhayes, who had pointed out that the covid vaccination programme was dictated by the supply of vaccines and that deliveries were often at short notice. As a result, the NHS manager asked that the car park remain closed to the public at weekends, to allow the NHS the flexibility to continue vaccinations over the weekend as necessary.

Councillors were in agreement that the covid vaccination programme must take absolute priority and therefore that the request from the cricket club for weekend parking on Henhayes could not be approved. The Clerk was asked to respond to the cricket club accordingly.

36 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

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None.

37 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

20/21

Monday 10 May 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.35 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: