

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crewkerne on Monday 9 March 2020 at 7.05 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. D. Wakeman (Chairman), M. Best, R. Cottle, B. Hartshorn, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roberts.

In attendance: Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 3 members of the public.

70 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

19/20

Apologies were received from Cllrs. C. Aslett (personal), K. Head (personal), J. Roundell Greene (personal), A. Smith (unwell) and A. Stuart (personal).

71 OPEN FORUM

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Pithers Court: a resident of Pithers Court expressed concern that the land above Pithers Court, which was owned by the Council, was not being adequately maintained.

Rugby club: a representative from Crewkerne Rugby club reported that the club had grown considerably in recent years. As a result, the club were now concerned that the current space available on Henhayes was now inadequate. He requested the Council's support in finding additional land suitable for use as rugby pitches.

72 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 13 January 2020 be **APPROVED**.

73 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

19/20

None.

74 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT

19/20 To receive the March 2020 report

Noted. The following key points were discussed:

Relocation of bus stops: Cllr. Best reported that the Small Improvement Scheme associated with the safety audit of the South Street/Market Street junction was planned for May.

Millers Garage car park: Cllr. Best reported that SSDC were planning to commence work on the site in July. It was noted that a necessary precursor to this was a legal agreement between SSDC and the Town Council, a draft of which was awaited from SSDC.

Town Hall gutter repair: Cllr. Best reported that the repair, which was the responsibility of Highways, was awaiting the release of funding, linked to the County Council's new budget.

Benches and seats: Cllr. Best asked that more attention be paid by the grounds maintenance staff to the scheduled maintenance of the town's seats and benches. It was noted that the long term sickness of one of the grounds staff had hindered this effort.

75 TOWN HALL/VICTORIA HALL BOILER

19/20 To consider the quotation obtained for the replacement of the defunct boiler in the Town Hall kitchen, for recommendation to Full Council

Agenda item deferred.

76 REPAIR OF THE WALL BORDERING THE BINCOMBE ALLOTMENTS

19/20 To consider the amended quotation for repairs to the wall bordering the Bincombe allotments

Councillors noted the Clerk's report. After discussion, it was **AGREED to approve A.A. Pike Construction to undertake the repairs to the wall bordering the Bincombe allotments in accordance the quotation received and at the quoted cost of £9,375 (+ VAT), subject to clarification as to whether planning approval was required.**

77 MARKET

19/20 To consider a proposal from Cllr. Hartshorn regarding markets

Agenda item deferred.

78 CORRESPONDENCE

19/20 To note the correspondence received regarding the trees at Severalls Avenue

The correspondence was noted. Cllr. Best pointed out that, prior to the removal of the trees, he had been approached by residents who had complained about the trees obscuring the daylight. Cllr. Hartshorn made the point that, of the 127 trees originally planted in commemoration of fallen soldiers, only 17 remained.

79 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT

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Cllr. Wakeman reported that he had been approached by residents regarding the ownership of land at Brick Lane.

80 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

19/20

Monday 11 May 2020 after the Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.40 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: