

## CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a remote meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held on Monday 11 January 2021 at 7.04 p.m.

### PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, Finance Officer P. Hewitt, Amenities Operations Manager M. Jay and approximately 16 members of the public via YouTube.

### 21 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/21

None.

### 22 OPEN FORUM

20/21

The Clerk read out an email received from a resident regarding the boundaries of Town Council land at Bincombe and ensuring that these were clearly marked. Councillors considered that the possibility of another potential “land grab” was remote. Nevertheless, it was agreed that the boundaries should be checked on a regular basis.

### 23 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

20/21

It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 9 November 2020 be **APPROVED**.

### 24 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/21

None.

### 25 REFURBISHMENT OF FALKLAND SQUARE PUBLIC TOILETS

20/21 To further consider options for refurbishment of the Falkland Square public toilets

After discussion, it was **AGREED to approve Danfo to undertake the refurbishment of the Falkland Square public toilets in accordance with their “Option 2” quote, which involved the minor refurbishment of the existing disabled toilet and the establishment of two unisex toilet cubicles, at the quoted cost of £58,070 (+ VAT).**

### 26 GEORGE REYNOLDS CENTRE

20/21 To receive a progress report from Cllr. Best on the ongoing maintenance/repair actions underway on the GRC, together with an update on the closure process for CSYAL

Cllr. Best gave a progress report on the ongoing maintenance/repair work at the GRC, the key points of which were:

- With the Jigsaw re-school group now open again, special attention was being paid to covid safety and ensuring that contractors were kept separate from the Jigsaw staff and the children.
- Work to repair the emergency lights was due to commence imminently.

- Replacement glass for the main hall window: awaiting contractor support, which was unlikely until covid restrictions eased.
- Gas meter installation: ditto.
- New fencing at the rear of the building: installation planned for February.

It was agreed that the addition of new signage for the building could be addressed immediately, especially as it would involve submission of a planning application. The Chairman agreed to call a meeting of the GRC working group in the near future, to progress this.

**27 PROPOSAL FOR THE FORMATION OF A LITTER PICKING GROUP**

20/21 To consider a proposal from the Space4 Crewkerne group to form a litter picking group of volunteers

It was agreed to give full support to the proposal for the formation of a litter picking group for the town. Cllr. Best reminded Councillors that there were items of equipment still available from previous litter picking initiatives and that it would be useful to establish the state of these existing items.

**28 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

20/21

Cllr. Head asked that a letter of thanks be sent to the residents who had recently highlighted to the Council the issue of the threat to the trees on Station Road linked to the CLR planning application.

**29 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

20/21

Monday 8 March 2021 after the Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.30 p.m.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....