

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crewkerne on Monday 13 January 2020 at 7.40 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. D. Wakeman (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, R. Cottle, B. Hartshorn, K. Head, B. Hodgson and R. Pailthorpe.

In attendance: Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 2 members of the public.

57 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

19/20

Apologies were received from Cllrs. J. Roundell Greene (unwell), A. Smith (unwell) and A. Stuart (work commitments).

58 OPEN FORUM

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No items raised.

59 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 November 2019 be APPROVED.**

60 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

61 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT

19/20 To receive the January 2020 report

Noted. The following key points were discussed:

- Purpose-built grounds staff workshop: the Clerk reported that an indicative cost estimate of £200,000 had been obtained for the construction at the Barn Street recreation ground, of a purpose-built workshop and welfare facility for the grounds staff. In view of this high cost, Councillors were satisfied that the current leasing arrangement in place for a workshop on the industrial estate was satisfactory for the time being.
- Refurbishment of Falkland Square public toilets: the Clerk reminded Councillors that a contractor had recently submitted an initial proposal to the Council for the combined refurbishment and ongoing cleaning and maintenance of the toilets through a long-term leasing arrangement. As an alternative, an indicative cost of £50,000 had now been obtained from a local building contractor purely for the refurbishment of the toilets. Councillors expressed a preference for the former option and asked the Clerk to liaise with the contractor concerned to work up a detailed costed submission.

It was noted that the toilets were leased and therefore that permission for any refurbishment works would need to be obtained from the landlord.

- Aqua Centre: Cllr. Best reported that the new changing village was in place. He also reported that, during the recent draining of the pool, it had been found that the drainage ditch around the edge of the pool had not been sealed properly. He suggested that this could explain the source of the water found under the floor. CLM had paid for the ditch to be re-sealed.

62 ENVIRONMENT WORKING GROUP

19/20 To receive a progress report from Cllr. Hartshorn

Cllr. Hartshorn reported that the second public meeting of the Environmental Working Group had been held recently and had been well attended and constructive. He would be compiling notes from this meeting.

63 CREWKERNE IN BLOOM

19/20 To consider a request from Crewkerne in Bloom group that the Council provide assistance with the watering of hanging baskets and containers through the summer months

Cllr. Head emphasised that watering of the hanging baskets and containers last year had been a very labour-intensive task for the Crewkerne in Bloom volunteers. Going forwards, it was suggested that the Council's grounds staff could be approached to ascertain whether they would be willing to work overtime to accommodate the task of watering. Alternatively, an external contractor could be tasked with undertaking the work. It was agreed that Crewkerne in Bloom's request for support would be considered further by the Council, once the above options had been explored.

64 USE OF HENHAYES

19/20 To consider a request to use the Henhayes recreation ground in support of the annual Junior Triathlon on Sunday 5 July 2020

It was **AGREED to approve the request to use the Henhayes recreation ground in support of the annual Junior Triathlon on Sunday 5 July 2020.**

65 TREE REMOVAL

19/20 To note the correspondence received by the Somerset County Council arborist regarding the need to remove two trees on Memorial Avenue

Noted.

66 CORRESPONDENCE

19/20 To note the letter received regarding a suggested use for the Severalls tennis courts land

Noted. To be considered as part of the wider assessment of potential future uses for the tennis courts land.

67 TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES AND WORKING GROUP NOTES

19/20

- George Reynolds Centre meeting held on 22 October 2019

Noted.

68 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT

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None.

69 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

19/20

Monday 9 March 2020 after the Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.04 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: