

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crewkerne on Monday 14 January 2019 at 7.04 p.m.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. Mrs R. Jackson (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, P. Bradly, Mrs K. Head, B. Hodgson, R. Pailthorpe, Miss K. Pritchard, Mrs A. Singleton, and D. Wakeman.

In attendance: Town Clerk Mr P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk Ms L. Gowers, Finance Officer Mrs P. Hewitt, 1 member of the press and 1 member of the public.

40 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18/19

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Mrs A. Stuart (unwell) and Cllr. N. Sturtivant (unwell).

41 OPEN FORUM

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None.

42 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 12 November 2018** be **APPROVED**.

43 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18/19

Cllrs. Best, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Singleton declared a personal interest in the Aqua Centre-related elements of agenda item 5 (Project and Works report):

Cllr. Mrs Singleton declared a personal interest in agenda items 7 (Display of a poppy on the GRC wall) and 9 (Use of Henhayes recreation ground).

Cllrs. Aslett and Bradly declared a personal interest in agenda items 7 (Display of a poppy on the GRC wall) and 8 (Commemorative plaque at Falkland Square).

Cllr. Miss Pritchard declared a personal interest in agenda item 9 (Use of Henhayes recreation ground).

44 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT

18/19 To receive the January 2019 report

The key points of discussion on the January 2019 Project and Works report were as follows:

Projects

- Additional facilities for Barn Street recreation ground: the Deputy Clerk reported that she had so far been unsuccessful in her research into barbecue pits. Councillors suggested that she follow up the examples at Ham Hill and at Ninesprings.
- New grounds staff workshop facility: the Clerk reported that he had received an update from the solicitor on progress with the lease, the solicitor advising that one search was

still outstanding, which was the local search from SSDC. There was now a significant delay expected in obtaining this search result from SSDC. Cllr. Aslett advised that this was a known problem.

- Perimeter path at Henhayes: Cllr. Wakeman reported that a constructive meeting had been held with the sports clubs and ABCD. The clubs had been actioned to confirm their position on the proposed path with their governing body.

Maintenance

- GRC “bubbling” of windows: Cllr. Best reported that that the replacement of the defective windows was due imminently.
- Town Hall/Victoria Hall: the Chairman noted that the various issues highlighted in the Project & Works report needed to be considered as a whole rather than being treated in isolation.
- Happy Valley sandpit play area: it was noted that the badger sett had now been destroyed and the area “badger proofed”. Regarding the faulty bearing of the cone climber/roundabout play equipment, Cllr. Best suggested that the combination of sand and a bearing was not ideal, so that it might be preferable to simply make the climber fixed.
- Church Street flower beds: Cllr. Mrs Head reported that a number of options had been considered to reduce the maintenance burden for this area, which would in turn reduce the health & safety risks. Cllr. Mrs Singleton suggested that it would be useful to contact the SSDC Streetscene Manager for advice and the Clerk was asked to follow this up.

45 TOWN HALL DAMP ISSUES

18/19 To receive a contractor report on the issue of damp in the Town Hall

After discussion, it was agreed that the Council should investigate the use of an independent accredited surveyor, to ensure that the issue of damp was addressed in an integrated way along with the other building issues. However, the issue of standing water outside the western face of the building needed to be addressed urgently. The Clerk was asked to task the Amenities Operations Manager accordingly.

46 DISPLAY OF A POPPY ON THE GEORGE REYNOLDS (GRC) WALL

18/19 To consider a request from the Royal British Legion (Crewkerne Branch) to display a poppy made from metal on the external wall of the GRC

After discussion, it was **AGREED to approve the request from the Royal British Legion (Crewkerne Branch) to display a poppy made from metal on the external wall of the GRC, subject to approval by CSYAL.**

47 COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE AT FALKLAND SQUARE

18/19 To consider the requirement to have some restoration work carried out on the plaque and its frame and to consider whether the plaque should be relocated in a lower position

Councillors noted that the Royal British Legion (RBL) would prefer the plaque to be positioned lower down on the wall than currently. Cllr. Aslett also reported that the person originally responsible for constructing the wooden frame of the plaque had offered to help restore it. Given this, the Clerk was asked to liaise with RBL on a way forwards.

48 USE OF HENHAYES RECREATION GROUND

18/19 To consider a request for use of the Henhayes recreation field for the annual Junior Triathlon event to be held on Sunday 7 July 2019

It was **AGREED to approve the request for use of the Henhayes recreation field for the annual Junior Triathlon event to be held on Sunday 7 July 2019.**

49 TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES AND WORKING GROUP NOTES

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a) George Reynolds Centre bi-monthly meeting held on 19 November 2018

Noted.

50 TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT

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None.

51 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

18/19

Monday 11 March 2019 after the Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 7.52 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: