

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Crewkerne on Monday 8 July 2019 at 7.50 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, 1 member of the press and 2 members of the public.

15 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. A. Smith (unwell), A. Stuart (personal) and A. Vaughan (personal).

16 OPEN FORUM

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A member of the public questioned why the Town Council had shelved the Henhayes perimeter path project, emphasising the amenity value of the path.

17 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 20 May 2019 be APPROVED.**

18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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None.

19 PROJECT AND WORKS REPORT

19/20 To receive the July 2019 report

Noted. The following points were raised:

- GRC drains: Cllr. Best pointed out that the Aqua Centre pool was due to be drained in December, which would provide an opportunity to observe how well the drains cope.
- Aqua Centre air handling system: Cllr. Best reported that the new air handling system was proving to be very effective.

20 OPTIONS FOR FUTURE USE OF SEVERALLS TENNIS COURTS

19/20 for consideration

It was agreed that a separate meeting of the trustees should be called to consider the options for the future use of the tennis courts land.

21 **HAPPY VALLEY PATHWAYS**

19/20 To consider the quotations received for the tarmacking of the pathways in the upper part of Happy Valley

Cllr. Hartshorn stated that he was not in favour of tarmacking the pathways and suggested instead that the paths should be constructed of a material which was more in keeping with the environment of Happy Valley. It was agreed that Cllr. Hartshorn should work with the Amenities Operations Manager to develop alternative proposals, for consideration at the next Amenities Committee meeting.

22 **FUTURE TOWN COUNCIL-LED EVENTS**

19/20 For consideration

Cllr. Best pointed out that the Town Council-led events were much appreciated by the community. He also stated that the Crewkerne was now one of the few towns which still held community safety day events.

Councillors recognised that the viability of the Christmas Market was threatened by the road closure-related charges levied by the County Council, although Cllr. Best emphasised that he was currently contesting these charges. Cllr. Head also pointed out that discussions had been held with St. Bartholomew's Church as a potential alternative venue for the Christmas Market.

After further discussion, it was **AGREED that the Council should continue to hold the events through the year as outlined by the Deputy Clerk.**

23 **FOOD FESTIVAL SURVEY**

19/20 To finalise the questions to be asked at the food festival

Cllr. Roundell Greene suggested that a survey was unnecessary because the success or otherwise of the food festival would be self-evident. Cllr. Hodgson supported this view. After further discussion, it was **AGREED that a survey of visitors to the food festival would not be carried out but local businesses would be surveyed after the festival.**

24 **FARMERS MARKET-RELATED ANTIQUES FAIR**

19/20 To consider permitting the Somerset Farmers Market further use of the Henhayes car park to allow them to hold a vintage and antiques fair during their market days

After discussion, it was **AGREED to permit the Somerset Farmers Market to use the Henhayes car park for a further three months to allow them to hold a vintage and antiques fair during their market days.**

25 **TO RECEIVE SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES AND WORKING GROUP NOTES**

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a) George Reynolds Centre Bi-monthly meeting held on 27 June 2019

Noted.

b) Youth Service Steering Group meeting held on 3 June 2019

Noted.

c) Henhayes Working Group meeting held on 24 June 2019

Noted.

26 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

19/20

- Rugby Club scoreboard: Cllr. Head reported that the Rugby Club were keen to give the go-ahead to have the electronic scoreboard manufactured and she questioned the necessity of applying for planning permission to mount the scoreboard on the wall of the GRC. Cllr. Best advised that he had sought advice from the Planning Authority and the advice had been that planning permission was required.
- CSYAL Directors meeting: Cllr. Cottle reported that he had attended a meeting of the Directors of CSYAL, where he had been asked for clarification of the situation regarding the bubbling windows and the worn flooring in the main hall. The Chairman referred Cllr. Cottle to the notes from the recent GRC Bi-monthly meeting, where both items had been discussed with CSYAL.
- Refuse collection at Court Barton: Cllr. Aslett reported that letters had been sent to the residents of Court Barton regarding waste collection. The Deputy Clerk added that there had been feedback that there was an agreement in place with Somerset Waste Partnerships regarding the arrangements for waste collection which she was in the process of clarifying.
- Redecoration of Victoria Hall: Cllr. Head pointed out that the Victoria Hall was in need of redecoration and asked whether progress had been made in obtaining quotations for the work. Cllr. Best reminded Councillors that the condition of the hall was important as it was rented out to users. It was agreed that this item should be brought back to the next Amenities Committee as an agenda item.

27 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 9 September 2019 after the Planning and Highways Committee meeting.

The meeting closed at 8.40 p.m.

Signed:

Dated:

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