CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL meeting held remotely on
Monday 13 July 2020 at 7.13 p.m.

PRESENT

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

In Attendance
The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, 1 member of the press and 3 members of
the public.

49 20/21	**TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Best (SSDC business) and A. Stuart
(personal).

50 20/21	**OPEN FORUM**

A member of the public pointed out that the cemetery was looking unkempt at the moment.
The Clerk responded by offering his sincere apologies for this situation, which had been caused
by temporary staff shortages. He explained that an outside contractor had now been brought in
to ensure that the grounds were properly maintained, pending resolution of the staffing issue.

51 20/21	**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST** on items on the agenda

None.

52 20/21	**GEORGE REYNOLDS CENTRE AIR CONDITIONING** to consider the two quotations received to install air conditioning in the main hall and the bar area of the GRC

Agenda item deferred.

53 20/21	**MTIG CAPITAL PRIORITY PROJECTS FUNDING AND SOUTH SOMERSET DISTRICT COUNCIL COMMUNITY GRANT FUNDING PRIORITIES** To consider the recommendations of the working group regarding which projects the Council should focus on in terms of submitting applications for MTIG Capital Projects Funding and for SSDC Community Grant funding

Councillors reviewed the list of recommended projects submitted by the working group and it
was agreed that the refurbishment of the Falkland Square public toilets should be added to this
list. Given the planned installation of EV chargers by SSDC in Crewkerne, it was also agreed
that EV chargers would be removed from the list of projects.

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NEWSLETTER

20/21 to agree the content of the draft newsletter

Councillors **AGREED the content of the draft newsletter, subject to the minor amendments discussed in the meeting**.

It was further **AGREED that the newsletter should be printed and distributed to every household, in the usual manner.**

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REQUESTS FROM CREWKERNE & DISTRICT ROTARY CLUB

20/21

a) Charter Fair: to consider a request to use the Henhayes Car Park for market Stalls on Saturday 5 September

The Deputy Clerk reported that the request from the Rotary Club had now been withdrawn as the Charter Fair had been cancelled.

b) Painting of benches: to consider a request to adopt benches around the Town centre and to give them a "happy paint makeover"

Councillors gave their support to the Rotary Club's request to adopt benches around the town and to give them a "happy paint makeover", but requested clarification of the paint to be used and what consideration the Rotary Club had given to subsequent maintenance of the paintwork.

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CHRISTMAS LIGHTING UP NIGHT AND CHRISTMAS MARKET

20/21 To consider whether planning should proceed on this year's Christmas lighting up and Christmas market events

The Deputy Clerk reported that the Christmas Committee had been considering "low key" options for Christmas events, bearing in mind that social distancing restrictions would almost certainly still be in place. Councillors agreed to fully support the Christmas Committee's efforts to organise events for the town.

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BARN STREET RECREATION GROUND

20/21 To receive a report from Cllr. Aslett on the current ineffectiveness of the "no dogs" policy at the Barn Street recreation ground and to consider options to make the policy more effective

Cllr. Aslett reported that the current "no dogs" signage at the entrances to the Barn Street recreation ground was totally ineffective. He suggested that the Council investigate the option of instigating a Public Space Protection Order, in order to make the "no dogs" restriction more effective. Councillors agreed that this option should be investigated further and Cllr. Aslett kindly agreed to seek more detail.

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MATTERS OF REPORT

20/21

None.

The meeting closed at 8.59 p.m.

Signed: ………………………   **Dated: ……………………….**

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