

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL remote meeting held on Monday 14 December 2020 at 8.03 p.m.

PRESENT

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

In Attendance

The Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and approximately 11 members of the public (via zoom and YouTube).

156 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

20/21

None.

157 OPEN FORUM

20/21

No matters raised.

158 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

20/21

on items on the agenda

None.

159 CLERKS PROGRESS REPORT

20/21

To receive a report

The Clerk reported that, in response to a request from a member of the public and in the interests of ensuring openness and transparency of Council meetings, future meeting agendas uploaded to the Council website would include background reports prepared by the Clerk and Deputy Clerk in support of the meeting. He added that these would obviously need to respect commercial sensitivities and also be GDPR compliant. The change would result in a minor increase in admin workload, but this would be more than compensated for by providing increased transparency of Council business.

160 FINANCE

20/21

a) To approve the accounts for payment for December 2020 as listed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Cottle had verified the accounts for payment in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Risk Management.

Accounts for payment for December 2020, in the sum of £16,649.18 + VAT were APPROVED.

b) To report the bank reconciliation for November 2020 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Cottle had verified the bank reconciliation for November 2020. It was noted that cash in hand as of 30 November 2020 was £328,986.24.

- c) Internal audit interim report: to receive the report from the internal auditor

Noted.

- d) Grant funding of CSYAL: to approve grant funding to CSYAL of £585.68, as a necessary requirement to allow the charitable company to be formally wound up

It was **AGREED to approve grant funding to CSYAL of £585.68, as a necessary requirement to allow the charitable company to be formally wound up.**

161 **USE OF HENHAYES**

20/21 To consider a request from the Community Church to hold an outside carol service concert on Henhayes on Christmas Eve

Although wholeheartedly supportive in principle for an outside carol service concert at Henhayes, Councillors expressed grave concerns that such a gathering would be likely to be extremely well attended. In such circumstances, it would be impossible to enforce social distancing rules. It was therefore **AGREED that, with deep regret, the Council could not approve of the holding of an outside carol service concert on Henhayes.**

162 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

20/21

Cllr. Best reported that the Christmas crib was planned to be placed on the plinth on the front of the Town Hall at the weekend.

163 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

20/21

Monday 25 January 2020 at 6.45 p.m.

The meeting closed at 8.17 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: