

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an informal meeting of CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL held remotely on Monday 14 June 2021 at 7.35 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllrs. K. Head (Chairman), M. Best, T. Bond, R. Cottle, B. Hodgson, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roundell Greene, A. Samuel, A. Stuart and D. Wakeman.

In Attendance

Town Clerk P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 1 member of the public.

32 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. C. Aslett (personal) and J. Roberts (work commitments).

33 OPEN FORUM

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No matters raised.

34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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on items on the agenda

None.

35 ENVIRONMENT LEAD

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To confirm that Cllr. Samuel as the lead Councillor on Environmental matters

It was AGREED to appoint Cllr. Samuel as the lead for environmental matters.

Cllr. Samuel said that she was looking forward to undertaking the role and already had ideas that she was keen to bring forward. She stressed the importance of involving the community and in particular to engage with local schools.

The Clerk suggested that the forthcoming Amenities Committee meeting would be a good opportunity for Cllr. Samuel to table a more detailed set of proposals to Councillors.

Cllr. Cottle added that, as part of his links to the local businesses, he was encouraging them to be more environmentally aware.

36 FACE-TO-FACE COUNCIL MEETINGS

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To consider when to re-start face-to-face Council meetings

It was noted that the Government had delayed the further easing of lockdown restrictions from 21 June until 19 July. In view of this, it was agreed that the Council should continue to hold informal Council meetings remotely, with the situation to be monitored closely.

37 **REFURBISHMENT OF THE PUBLIC TOILETS**

21/22 To further consider the options for refurbishment of the Falkland Square public toilets

It was noted that a very small number of residents had written to the Council, expressing concerns about the planned replacement of the current ladies and gents public toilets with unisex pod-style toilets. Councillors noted these comments, but reiterated that the Council had discussed the matter in detail prior to making a decision. The key points of note were that gender neutral toilets provided a more inclusive solution, and this style of public toilet was now commonplace throughout the country. It was also noted that the building had the capacity to have additional pods installed, should this prove necessary.

On this basis, it was agreed that the Council should continue to move forward with the current plan to refurbish the Falkland Square public toilets.

38 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

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None.

Signed:

Dated:

It was AGREED that in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted it was advisable that the public and press be excluded and were instructed to withdraw.

CONFIDENTIAL SESSION – STAFFING MATTERS

39 STAFFING COMMITTEE

21/22 To receive the minutes of the Staffing Committee meeting held on 4 June 2021 and to ratify the recommendations contained therein

The Staffing Committee minutes was noted and it was AGREED to approve the recommendations contained therein.

The meeting closed at 7.56 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: