

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 28 January 2019 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT

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

In attendance:

Town Clerk Mr P. Davidson, 2 members of the public and 1 member of the press.

167 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT

18/19

The Chairman reported the recent news that Helen Hall had sadly passed away. She had been a long-serving member of the Council and had served as both Chairman and Mayor. Councillors held a minute's silence as a mark of respect.

168 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18/19

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. M. Best (work commitments) and N. Sturtivant (unwell).

169 OPEN FORUM

18/19

- Outdoor Market: a representative of Somerset Farmers' Market outlined their proposal for a monthly outdoor market on the Henhayes car park. The aim was to incorporate an antiques and vintage market supported by local traders, with this running alongside the usual Farmers' Market.
- Speeding on East Street: A member of the public reported that there were many instances of vehicles greatly exceeding the speed limit on East Street. He requested that the Speedwatch team be asked to give this their attention. Cllr. Mrs Stuart supported this view, adding that the speeding traffic rendered the zebra crossing on East Street unsafe.

170 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

18/19

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of Crewkerne Town Council held on **Monday 17 December 2018** be **APPROVED**, subject to the following minor amendments:

- **Cllr. Hodgson to be added as an attendee.**
- **In paragraph 152 18/19, a sentence to be added, noting that Cllr. Miss Pritchard was a trustee of the Rotary Club of Crewkerne District and that she had already declared this on her Register of Interests form.**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meetings of Crewkerne Town Council held on **Monday 14 January 2019** be **APPROVED**.

171 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
18/19 on items on the agenda

Cllrs. Bradly, Mrs Head, Hodgson, Pailthorpe, Miss Pritchard and Mrs Singleton all declared a personal interest in agenda item 8 (To approve the recommendations of the Policy & Resources Committee for grant awards for 2019/20).

Cllrs. Mrs Head, Mrs Jackson and Miss Pritchard declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 (To consider a proposal from Somerset Farmers Market to use the Henhayes car park during market days for a vintage and antiques fair).

Cllr. Mrs Singleton declared a prejudicial interest in agenda item 11 (Use of the GRC kitchen in support of the Youth Service).

172 **TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT**
18/19 **COUNCILLORS**

County

County Cllr. Best was not present at the meeting.

District

Cllr. Mrs Singleton reported on the following:

- the ongoing Transformation programme was regrettably having an impact on council business. Nevertheless, officers were looking at different ways of providing the service.
- The forthcoming closure of 1610 was recognised as an important issue and was high on the agenda for the SSDC Senior Sport and Healthy Lifestyles Officer.

173 **CLERKS PROGRESS REPORT**
18/19 To receive a report

The Clerk reported that the Deputy Clerk was about to commence the programme of work to gain her CiLCA qualification.

174 **TO CONSIDER THE PROPOSAL FROM THE SOMERSET FARMERS MARKET**
18/19 **TO USE THE HENHAYES CAR PARK DURING THE MARKET DAYS FOR A**
VINTAGE AND ANTIQUES FAIR

Cllr. Pailthorpe pointed out that the future development of the Millers Garage site into a car park required the use of the Henhayes car park as a through-route, which therefore meant that the proposal for a market would ultimately not be viable. However, in the short term, Councillors recognised that the proposed market had merit, although they expressed concern over the loss of parking on a Saturday, which would impact both motorists in general and the sports clubs in particular.

It was agreed that further research was required on the potential impact of the market, to allow Councillors to make a more considered response. The Clerk was asked to bring this matter back to Council at the forthcoming Council meeting on 11 February.

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FINANCE - PART 1

- a) To receive a report on the estimated level of general reserves as at 31 March 2019

The report prepared by the Finance Officer was noted.

- b) To receive the third quarter income and expenditure financial report

The report prepared by the Finance Officer was noted.

- c) To approve the accounts for payment for January 2019 as listed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Wakeman had verified the accounts for January 2019 in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations and Risk Management.

Accounts for payment in the sum of £35,440.31 + VAT for January 2019 were APPROVED.

- d) To report the bank reconciliation for December 2018 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Wakeman had verified the bank reconciliation for December 2018. It was noted that cash in hand as of 31 December 2018 was £308,214.40.

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FINANCE - PART 2: TO APPROVE THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE FOR GRANT AWARDS FOR 2019/20

It was **AGREED** to approve the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee for grant awards for 2019/20, in the sum of £7,446 as follows:

a) Crewkerne & District Museum & Heritage Centre	£1,500
b) Crewkerne Bowling Club (West Street)	£400
c) Crewkerne Gardening Club	£100
d) Crewkerne In Bloom	£250
e) Crewkerne Men's Shed	£500
f) Crewkerne Sports and Youth Activities Ltd	£400
g) Crewkerne Twinning Association	£500
h) Crewkerne Tea Dance Group	£100
i) Crewkerne Ranger Guide Unit	£100
j) CUDOS	£296
k) Henhayes Community Centre	£1,500
l) Rotary Club of Crewkerne District	£1,000
m) Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club	£300
n) The Speedwell	£500

177 **FINANCE - PART 3: TO APPROVE THE PRECEPT FOR 2019/20**

18/19

- a) To approve the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee for the setting of the budget for 2019/20

It was **AGREED** to approve the recommendation of the Policy & Resources Committee for the setting of the budget for 2019/20.

- b) To approve the overall Precept for 2019/20

It was **AGREED** to set the precept for 2019/20 in the sum of £409,391, which represented a 0.3% increase in comparison with the previous year, although with the removal of the Central Government Grant allocation this resulted in a 1.2% increase in the equivalent Band D charge.

178 **QUARTERLY NEWSLETTER**

18/19

To agree the draft newsletter

It was **AGREED** to approve the February draft newsletter with the minor amendment suggested at the meeting and with the agreement that an article be added paying tribute to the late former Councillor Mrs Hall.

179 **USE OF THE GEORGE REYNOLDS CENTRE (GRC) KITCHEN IN SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH SERVICE**

18/19

To approve the proposal for limited use of the GRC kitchen by Active Learning & Skills (ALS) in support of the Youth Service

Cllr. Mrs Singleton left the meeting room.

After discussion, it was **AGREED** to approve the proposal for limited use of the GRC kitchen by ALS in support of the Youth Service, with “limited” being defined as up to ten sessions in total being funded by the Council.

Cllr. Mrs Singleton re-joined the meeting.

180 **TO RECEIVE COMMITTEE AND WORKING GROUP MINUTES**

18/19

- a) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 14 January 2019

Noted.

- b) Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 14 January 2019

Noted.

- c) Amenities Committee meeting held on 14 January 2019

Noted.

181 **TOWN COUNCIL SURGERIES**

18/19 For 16 February and 16 March. Two Councillors required to undertake each session

16 February: Cllrs. Hodgson and Mrs Singleton.

16 March: Cllrs. Mrs Head and Miss Singleton.

182 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

18/19

- Cllr. Mrs Stuart asked the status of the repair to the cemetery gate post. The Clerk advised that the repair was still pending resolution of the insurance claim.
- Cllr. Bradly commented that there had an article in the Western Gazette on the future of the local swimming pools, linked to an SSDC report. Cllr. Mrs Singleton explained that the article related to a draft report drawn up by SSDC.
- Cllr. Aslett commented on the amount of dog fouling in the town centre. Councillors agreed that it would be useful to add an article in the next newsletter and bring this as an agenda item at a future meeting.

183 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

18/19

Monday 25 February 2019 in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 7.25 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: