

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 29 April 2019 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllrs: Mrs K. Head (Chairman), M Best, P. Bradley, 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 and 3 members of the public.

218 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

18/19

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

219 OPEN FORUM

18/19

Two members of the public who were residents of Beechwood Drive spoke about access to Bincombe Beeches and the parking spaces off Beechwood Drive. They reminded Councillors that, as part of the land swap agreement in 2001, agreement had been made between the Town Council, the land owner and the local residents group, for three parking spaces off Beechwood Drive for disabled use only. Unfortunately, the Council had never provided the relevant signage for these parking spaces. They emphasised that there were alternative access points for visitors to Bincombe and that there was ample kerbside parking. Although the Council had now put in place 'disabled only' signage, they pointed out that this had been recently vandalised.

The Chairman thanked both members of the public for their valuable input.

220 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS

18/19

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meetings held on Monday 25 March and 8 April 2019 be **APPROVED**.

221 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

18/19

on items on the agenda

Cllrs. Mrs Head, Mrs Jackson and Mrs Stuart declared a personal interest in agenda item 12 (Use of Henhayes).

222 TO RECEIVE VERBAL REPORTS FROM THE COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

18/19

County

Nothing to report.

District

Nothing to report.

223 **CLERKS PROGRESS REPORT**

18/19 To receive a report

The Clerk said that, as Councillors Mrs Jackson, Miss Pritchard, Mrs Singleton and Sturtivant were not standing for re-election, and for those Councillors who might be unsuccessful in gaining re-election, he wished to highlight that it had been a pleasure and a privilege to work with the Councillors over the last four years.

224 **BEECHWOOD DRIVE ENTRANCE TO BINCOMBE**

18/19 To re-consider the parking arrangements at the Beechwood Drive entrance to Bincombe Beeches

Cllr. Pailthorpe recommended that the Council should honour the original agreement and retain the Beechwood Drive parking spaces for disabled use only. Cllr. Miss Pritchard made the point that, if the Council wished to continue to pursue Green Flag status for Bincombe, then access would need to be improved.

After further discussion, it was **AGREED that the Beechwood Drive parking area should continue to be designated for disabled use only and that, on behalf of the new Council, the Clerk should explore options for improved access to Bincombe as part of working towards Green Flag status.**

Two members of the public left the meeting room at this point.

225 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

18/19 To consider the following applications requiring observations before the next Planning and Highways Committee meeting

19/00705/HOU: 3 Sycamore Drive, Crewkerne.

Erection of front extension.

RECOMMEND APPROVAL

226 **FINANCE**

18/19

a) To approve the accounts for payment for April 2019 as listed

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

Accounts for payment in the sum of £49,859.92 + VAT for April 2019 were APPROVED.

b) To receive the fourth quarter summary of income and expenditure

The report was noted.

c) To note the end-of-year balance of Earmarked Reserves

Noted.

- d) To report the bank reconciliation for March 2019 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Wakeman had verified the bank reconciliation for March 2019. It was noted that cash in hand as of 31 March 2019 was £230,145.51.

227 **GRANT APPLICATION**

- 18/19 To further consider an application for grant funding from Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association

The Clerk reported that the grant applicant also intended to seek grant funding from Ilminster Town Council. In view of this, it was **AGREED to approve the grant application from Somerset and Wessex Eating Disorders Association, on the basis that both Crewkerne and Ilminster Town Councils collectively funded the project cost of £250.**

228 **RETAILERS SIGN**

- 18/19 To consider the unsolicited quotation received for updating the footer board of the retailers sign situated opposite the entrance to Waitrose

The Clerk confirmed that the contractor who had submitted the quotation for updating the retailers footer board had been responsible for designing and manufacturing the original sign opposite the entrance to Waitrose and for the equivalent sign at Ilminster. After discussion, it was **AGREED to authorise DJK Graphics to update the footer board of the retailer sign at the quoted cost of £140, subject to the Clerk liaising with ABCD to gather together the necessary updates on the retailers in the town.**

229 **USE OF HENHAYES**

- 18/19 To consider a request from Crewkerne Rugby Club to hold a “train like a chief” training Camp at Henhayes on 29 May 2019

It was **AGREED to approve the request from Crewkerne Rugby Club to hold a training Camp at Henhayes on 29 May 2019, subject to the usual conditions.**

230 **TO RECEIVE DRAFT MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING OF ELECTORS OF 15 APRIL 2019**

18/19

Noted.

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

18/19

- a) Planning and Highways Committee meeting held on 8 April 2019

Noted.

- b) Joint Burial Committee held on 2 April 2019

Noted.

232 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

18/19

- Cllr. Bradley reported on a recent meeting held with SSDC to discuss the tennis courts at Severalls. He advised that the meeting had been illuminating, with the SSDC officer recommending that the tennis courts were retained, as they were

fundamentally of good quality. There was potential grant funding available through Area West for renovating the courts and SSDC suggested that the Armed Forces Covenant Fund Trust also be approached for funding, a point which Cllr. Bradly was following up. The Deputy Clerk would be circulating notes from this meeting.

- Cllr. Mrs Head thanked Cllrs. Mrs Jackson, Miss Pritchard, Mrs Singleton and Sturtivant for their support and contribution to the Council over the years, a sentiment echoed by the other Councillors and by the Clerk.

233 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

18/19

Annual Town Council meeting on Monday 13 May 2019 at 6.45 p.m. in the Council Chamber.

The meeting closed at 7.35 p.m.

Signed:

Dated: