

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **TRUSTEES OF THE CREWKERNE WAR MEMORIAL COMMEMORATION TRUST RECREATION GROUND** held in the Council Chamber, Market Square, Crewkerne on Monday 24 June 2024 following a meeting of Crewkerne Town Council.

PRESENT: Cllrs. A. Samuel (Mayor), M. Best, N. Draycott, K. Head, D. Livesley, J. Nathan, C. Rawe, A. Stuart and S. Woodland.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk G. Hughes and four members of the public.

001 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

24/25

Apologies were received from Cllrs. Ashton, Bond and Morris (all personal).

002 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

24/25

Cllr. Rawe declared that she was the Secretary to Severalls Jubilee Bowls Club and had an interest in the agenda item relating to the Bowls Club licence.

003 TO APPROVE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

24/25

The minutes of the meeting of the War Memorial Commemoration Trust held on 26 February 2024 were APPROVED.

004 PUBLIC OPEN FORUM

24/25

No one wished to speak.

005 ANNUAL ACCOUNTS

24/25 To approve the audited annual accounts for the year ending 31 March 2024

The annual Trust accounts for the financial year ending 31 March 2024 were APPROVED.

006 TENNIS COURTS ACCESSIBILITY PROJECT

24/25 To consider a report on access improvements and delegate authority to apply for external funding to the Town Clerk

Councillors considered a report from the Town Clerk outlining suggested accessibility improvements for the tennis courts, namely wider gate access, and provision of a proper path at a reasonable gradient. It was AGREED that:

- Cllrs Woodland and Best conduct a site visit to assess current gate width and path gradient.
- Should the gate be too narrow for wheelchair access; the quote for gate widening be accepted; and
- Should the path be too difficult to safely navigate, the Town Clerk be authorised to apply for external funding to support path improvements.

007 SEVERALLS JUBILEE BOWLS CLUB

24/25 To review the first draft of the licence agreement

(Cllr. Rawe not participating or voting).

Councillors reviewed the first draft of the licence agreement. Some discussion took place around the cost of green maintenance carried out by the Bowls Club, compared to the cost of having this work carried out by the Trust. It was AGREED that the amount paid by the Trust towards upkeep be increased to £2,000 per annum.

Subject to the above change, the first draft of the licence was otherwise accepted, and the Bowls Club would confirm their acceptance of the draft following their next committee meeting.

008 **MATTERS OF REPORT**

24/25

Councillors noted that:

- Recent D-Day 80 commemorations at the Memorial Gardens had been very well received.
- Cllr. Best had asked Somerset Council to improve signage to the Gardens, and 'Tommy' would be included on the blue plaque trail.

The meeting closed at 20.05.

Signed:

Dated:

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