

## **CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL**

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Monday 8 November 2021 at 7.25 p.m.

### **PRESENT:**

Cllrs. D. Wakeman (Chairman), R. Cottle, K. Head, B. Hodgson, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roberts and A. Samuel.

In attendance: Deputy Clerk L. Gowers and 2 members of the public.

### **27 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. C. Aslett (unwell), M. Best (personal), T. Bond (unwell), J. Roundell Greene (personal) and A. Stuart (personal).

### **28 OPEN FORUM**

21/22

- The Chairman of ABCD spoke regarding two outstanding actions from their community plan:
  1. Path around Henhayes. ABCD would investigate potential funding available to enable this project but would require a quote for the whole path rather than in sections.
  2. Relocation of Bus Stop. An update was requested regarding the small improvement scheme to change the junction of South Street and Market Street. A safety audit of the potential site of the relocated bus stop could not take place until this junction had changed. The Deputy Clerk confirmed that the Small Improvement Team were in contact with BT as there was a BT refuge between the bollards on the junction.
- A resident of Pithers Court, who had previously spoken about the overgrown vegetation on the Council land to the rear of Pithers Court, requested an update on the Council's efforts to obtain quotes for the works. The Chairman confirmed that this was an agenda item and would be covered within the meeting.

### **29 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

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It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 13 September be **APPROVED**.

### **30 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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None

### **31 REPORT FROM THE AMENITIES CHAIRMAN**

21/22 **To receive an update report from the Amenities Chairman**

The Chairman provided an update on the status of the various ongoing Amenities-related activities. Points of discussion were as follows:

- **Refurbishment of Public Toilets:** The contractor had informed the Clerk that the start date for the refurbishment of the public toilets was delayed due to delays obtaining components.

- Additional benches: Benches had been installed at Henhayes. A contractor had been contacted to install the semi circular bench around the Turkey Oak, to avoid it being damaged.
- Tree Planting Schemes: In order that the funding was not lost, M.Fox had ordered trees for the Town Council sites and would advise delivery times. Cllr. Samuel added that the community of Barn Crescent had expressed an interest to be involved in the planning and planting of those trees at Barn Street Recreation Ground.
- Environment: The Air Quality Monitor was now installed and giving data which would be collected and made available. Cllr. Samuel was also in contact with the Hawk and Owl Trust and hoped to launch a wildlife group for Crewkerne.
- Happy Valley Play Area: The delivery of sleepers had been delayed.
- Henhayes Container Compound: A meeting would be convened with the sports clubs to discuss the compound. Quotes would be sought for moving the existing containers into the compound.

### 32 THE LUCOMBE OAK

21/22 To consider a quote for static load testing

Councillors noted comments from the Council's contracted arborist along with comments from the company previously employed to conduct the testing, that the Lucombe Oak appeared in good health and was much improved since the previous testing took place.

Councillors requested that the Clerk contact the Council's insurance broker for confirmation that the regular tree inspections conducted on the Lucombe Oak by the arborist would meet insurance requirements. Subject to the receipt of such assurances, Councillors **AGREED not to proceed with static load testing at this time.**

### 33 PITHERS COURT

21/22 To consider quotes received for tree and vegetation works.

Councillors agreed to carry out tree and vegetation works, subject to obtaining clarification that both quotes were for the same level of works.

### 34 HENHAYES PERIMETER PATH

21/22 To note receipt of quote and to consider next steps

The Chairman reported that the Maintenance and Contracts Manager was struggling to get quotes for this work. The contractor that had quoted was a contractor who had completed previous groundworks for the Town Council. It was agreed that quotes should be sought for the second section of the path to allow ABCD to investigate any funding available to put towards these costs.

### 35 SOUTHMEAD PLAYGROUND

21/22 To consider options for painting the wall/street art.

The Chairman reported that the repaired walls had been rendered and the youth group had offered to organise a workshop with a graffiti artist next spring/summer.

### 36 THE GEORGE REYNOLDS CENTRE

21/22 To make arrangements for an inventory of contents of cupboards, left over stock, unclaimed equipment and fixtures of fittings.

The Chairman explained that to free up storage space within the GRC, it was important to have an inventory of items, some of which could be donated to organisations within the town, if not

required by the GRC. It was agreed that the Chairman and the Town Clerk would arrange a day to inventory the cupboards.

37 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

21/22

Cllr. Roberts noted that the pathway between Falkland Square and the back of the M&Co shop was very dark and asked if there was a way of lighting the area. The Deputy Clerk was asked to investigate ownership of this piece of land.

38 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 10 January 2022.

The meeting closed at 20.15.

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:** .....

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