

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of an informal meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held remotely on Monday 10 January 2022 following a meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee.

PRESENT:

Cllrs. D. Wakeman (Chairman), C. Aslett, M. Best, T. Bond, R. Cottle, K. Head, R. Pailthorpe, J. Roundell Greene, J. Roberts and A. Samuel.

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan and Deputy Clerk L. Gowers.

39 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21/22

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. B. Hodgson and A. Stuart (both personal).

40 OPEN FORUM

21/22

No issues raised.

41 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

21/22

It was **AGREED** that the Minutes of the meeting of the Amenities Committee held on Monday 8 November 2021 be **APPROVED**.

42 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

21/22

None.

43 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 was nearing the end of the project, with a few minor outstanding works including the delivery of a new window for the disabled toilet. The electrical works were due to be completed over the weekend and discussions about the reinstatement of the front paths and flower beds had taken place.
- Henhayes perimeter path: Councillors noted that the relevant quotes had been passed to representatives of ABCD, who were going to look at possible grant funding.
- Tree Planting Schemes: Cllr. Samuel confirmed that she was waiting for details of gifted trees from the organiser of the scheme.
- Southmead Playground: The plastered wall had been agreed as an art project for the Youth Service for the spring.
- GRC kitchen: Councillors noted that the plug had now been rewired, and the Clerk was waiting for confirmation from SSDC that the kitchen could be reopened for hire.
- Town Hall: Confirmation had been received that the Town Hall boiler could not be repaired and had been deemed obsolete. Quotes were being sought for a replacement. (NB this does not affect the Victoria Hall, which has a separate heating system).
- Bincombe allotment walls: quotes were being sought for patch repairs to rear wall and updated planning advice requested on the long wall.
- Vegetation clearance at Pithers Court: This work had been agreed, waiting for the contractor to confirm a start date.

44 **FALKLAND SQUARE TOILETS**
21/22 To receive an update on the refurbishment project

Covered in Chair's update (above).

45 **LUCOMBE OAK**
21/22 To receive a report on insurance requirements

Following receipt of a report from the Clerk about the insurance requirements relating to council-owned trees, councillors confirmed that they would not seek to carry out static load testing on the Lucombe Oak at this time.

46 **CHURCHYARD TREES**
21/22 To consider a request to have the hornbeam and magnolia trees pruned/pollarded

Councillors noted a request from a resident to have works to these trees carried out. The Clerk was asked to establish whether these trees were currently on either Church or Council arboricultural inspections rota, and if not to add them to the Council's arborist's list. Any necessary works identified by the arborist would be carried out.

47 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**
21/22

Councillors discussed the forthcoming loss of the cashpoint located at Lloyds Bank when the branch closed in March. The possibility of finding a way to provide a replacement cash withdrawal facility was discussed and tabled for a future agenda.

48 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**
21/22

Monday 14 March 2022.

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.

49 MID-SEASON REVIEW OF CHARGES TO SPORTS CLUBS

21/22

A report relating to the mid-season review of charges was received and the recommendations contained therein were **AGREED**.

50 TO CONSIDER SUGGESTIONS FOR TREE PLANTING TO COMMEMORATE THE QUEEN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

21/22

Due to uncertainties around other tree planting projects, as well as other plans for Platinum Jubilee commemorations, it was decided not to pursue this particular suggestion at the moment.

51 S106 ALLOCATIONS RELATING TO CREWKERNE

21/22

A verbal report was received and the Clerk was asked to respond to the District Council, outlining the Town Council's position on this matter.

The meeting closed at 8.08pm.

Signed:

Dated: