

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the AMENITIES COMMITTEE held in the Council Chamber on Monday 13 September 2021 at 7.05 p.m.

PRESENT:

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

In attendance: Town Clerks K. Sheehan and P. Davidson, Deputy Clerk L. Gowers, Cllr T. Bond (via Zoom), and 1 member of the public.

19 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

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Apologies were received from Cllr A. Stuart (unwell).

20 OPEN FORUM

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- 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 one quote had now been received and further quotes were being sought for comparison.

21 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 12 July** be **APPROVED**.

22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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Cllrs Best, Head and Pailthorpe declared a personal interest in the draft proposal relating to rents and hire charges for 2022/23 due to their memberships of certain groups affected by the charges. (Cllr. Best – Cudos and Aquacentre, Cllr. Head – Rugby Club, Cllr. Pailthorpe – Cudos).

23 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:

- It was noted that planning consent for the planned refurbishment of the Falkland Square toilets had been received.
- Cllr. Best confirmed that there had been no further update from BT on the Market Street/South Street bollards.
- Cllr. Samuel had circulated an Environmental report and stated that she was working on ideas including a possible nature trail at Bincombe Beeches and the installation of bat and owl boxes.
- Cllrs were waiting for the written quote for the path at Henhayes, once received this would be a starting point for ABCD to seek grant funding.
- Cllr. Best confirmed that the legal agreement for the transfer of the land in front of the Town Hall was still with SSDC.
- Some discussion about the requirement for air conditioning at the GRC took place. A ventilation specialist would be asked to holistically look at the building requirements.

Cllrs agreed that it would be useful to purchase one or two mobile AC units for use in various council buildings.

24 **RENTS AND HIRE CHARGES**

21/22 To consider the draft proposal for rents and hire charges in readiness for the forthcoming budget deliberations

The Chairman outlined the proposal to hold the rents and hire charges (excluding the GRC) at pre-pandemic levels in order to support clubs and community groups.

It was **AGREED to recommend to Full Council the proposed rents and hire charges for 2022/23.**

25 **TO RECEIVE ANY MATTERS OF REPORT**

21/22 Cllrs Wakeman and Head reported that the first ‘Coffee with Councillors’ event had been successful and that further dates for these events and Councillor surgeries would be discussed and volunteers identified at the next Full Council meeting.

Cllr Head stated that reports had been received of parked vehicles obstructing residential driveways. This was noted as a possible item for social media and/or the newsletter, asking people to park considerately and be mindful of access for emergency vehicles.

26 **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

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Monday 8 November 2021.

The meeting closed at 19.32.

Signed:

Dated:

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