

CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL held in the Beech Suite, George Reynolds Centre on Monday 22nd November 2021 at 6.45 p.m.

PRESENT

Cllrs. R. Pailthorpe (Chair), M. Best, T. Bond, R. Cottle, J. Roberts, J. Roundell Greene, A. Samuel, and D. Wakeman.

In Attendance

Town Clerk K. Sheehan and two members of the public.

132 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

21/22

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs. Head, Hodgson and Stuart (unwell).

133 OPEN FORUM

21/22

A member of the public commented that the town's Lighting Up event held at the weekend had been well received and made the following observations in relation to the Crewkerne key site development:

- Further detail on the proposed haul road between the two ends of the site was required;
- Many amendments to the application were now in circulation.

Cllr Pailthorpe responded, stating that he would approach the developer to hold a public meeting in the near future in order to help clarify issues and answer any questions.

134 MINUTES

21/22

The minutes of the meeting held on 25 October 2021 were AGREED.

135 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

21/22

in items on the agenda

None.

136 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS

21/22

County Council

Cllr Best reported that most of the work and meetings was focused on setting up the new unitary authority, with regular meetings now taking place between the four District Council leaders and five County Councillors. The date of the next elections should be confirmed by the end of November.

District Council

Cllrs. Pailthorpe reported that SSDC had not held any meetings recently, but that arrangements were being made for joint scrutiny meetings between the District and County Councils.

137 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

21/22

The Clerk had no additional information to report.

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PLANNING

21/22

a. 21/02193/S73A: Amended plans received for North Street Trading Estate, Crewkerne TA18 7AW

After consideration, Councillors made the following observations and statements:

- Assurances should be sought that the same number of resident parking spaces are available in the revised layout as previously;
- Councillors remained opposed to the removal of condition 29 on safety grounds, which entails no provision of street lighting;
- The revised plans show the spinal access road and the two side roads as adopted, therefore the council would like to see street lighting. If these stretches of road have streetlights, the whole development should benefit from street lighting;
- At present, residents of the occupied properties are forced to walk through an unlit lane with no pavements and poor visibility, which councillors felt to be unsafe;
- Concerns were raised that if not all the roads are adopted, then the residents will be liable for the deterioration of the unadopted portions. Clarification should be sought on how any unadopted roads are to be maintained;
- Crewkerne Town Council wanted to formally request that no further alterations to this application are made until the road is finished and open.

It was AGREED to request refusal of this amended application.

b. For information only: to note discharge of conditions for application 21/02066/DOC1, discharge of condition no. 07 (tree and hedgerow protections) of planning application 20/00149 (REM).

c. For information only: to note the temporary closure of footpath CH33/52 and an alternative route to the eastern side of the footpath during development works.

Items b. and c. above were noted.

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FINANCE

21/22

a. To approve the accounts for payment as listed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Pailthorpe had verified the accounts for payment in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. Accounts for payment for 22nd November 2021 in the sum of £50,301.10 were APPROVED.

b. To report the bank reconciliation for October 2021 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Pailthorpe had verified the bank reconciliation for October 2021. It was noted that cash in hand as of 30 September 2021 was £380,420.43.

c. To consider the first draft of the Budget and Precept 2022/23

Cllrs noted that, as the tax base would not be known until December, the election date was as yet unknown, and that at least one cost was outstanding, the budget would likely evolve again and be discussed further in December and January. Cllrs agreed it would be prudent to build up general reserves in accordance with the Council's own reserves policy.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

21/22

To receive a progress update

A meeting of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group had taken place, with representatives from the Town Council, Business Group, Space4Crewkerne, ABCD and the LIC all in attendance. The next meeting would include SSDC officers able to advise on process.

141 **WEBSITE**
21/22 To receive an update on the new Town Council website

Cllr Roberts reported that the Beta site was live and that she was working with the Clerk and Deputy Clerk to fill gaps. The branding and colour palette had been finalised and outstanding contributions from members of the working group were requested as soon as possible.

142 **FALKLAND SQUARE TOILETS**
21/22 To receive an update on planned refurbishment works

The contractor had indicated that works were due to commence imminently, and most likely before the end of the month.

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

21/22 a. Minutes of the Amenities Committee held on 8 November 2021

Noted.

b. Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee held on 8 November 2021

Noted.

144 **COUNCIL SURGERIES & COFFEE WITH COUNCILLORS**

21/22 To receive feedback from recent events and confirm future attendance and dates

The Council Surgery held in conjunction with the Christmas market at the weekend had been well attended, with five sets of visitors. The next Council surgery would take place at 10.30am on Saturday 18 December (Cllr Best and Cllr Roundell Greene), and a Coffee with Councillors event at 10.30 am on Friday 3rd December at Number 7 (Cllr Best and Cllr Bond).

145 **TO RECEIVE MATTERS OF REPORT**

21/22

Cllr. Wakeman reported he had received a request to investigate a possible location for the Speed Indicator Device on South Street.

The broken street lighting on Station Road was also highlighted; Cllr Best agreed to raise it again with SCC Highways. Members of the public were encouraged to report faulty lights through the SCC portal – the column number of each light would be required to do this.

Cllr Samuel reported that the path owned by SCC adjacent to St Bart’s School towards Happy Valley was very slippery; Cllr Best agreed to raise this with relevant County Council officers.

Councillors thanked all involved in the organisation of the very successful Lighting Up and Christmas market events over the weekend for their hard work.

146 **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

21/22

Monday, 13 December 2021, 6.45pm in the Beech Suite, George Reynolds Centre.

Signed:

Dated:

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