

Minutes of a meeting of CREWKERNE TOWN COUNCIL held at 6.45pm in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Market Square on Monday 25 April 2022.

PRESENT

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

In attendance: Town Clerk K. Sheehan, Deputy Clerk, L Gowers and three members of the public.

A minute's silence was held in memory of former Crewkerne Town Councillor Alan Smith and Tony Cooper (Honoured Citizen 2018).

OPEN FORUM

Cllr. Pailthorpe noted that two questions relating to Planning Application 22/00945/REM had been received from a member of the public in attendance and had been sent to SSDC as the Local Planning Authority for answer. The information received from SSDC had been circulated to both the member of the public and councillors prior to the meeting. The member of the public confirmed he did not require the questions and answers to be read out, although he noted that some information was outstanding.

In response to a question from another member of the public regarding the proposed refurbishment of the tennis courts at Severalls, Cllr. Pailthorpe confirmed that this would be on the next Amenities agenda.

223 TO NOTE APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
21/22

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs. C. Aslett and K. Head (both personal).

224 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
21/22 in items on the agenda

No declarations of interest were made at this point.

225 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 28 MARCH 2022
21/22

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 28 March 2022 were duly AGREED.

226 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS
21/22

Cllr. Best reported that the last Somerset County Council meeting would be taking place during the coming week. The agenda for this meeting was restricted due to purdah. He also noted that the long-awaited works to complete the North Street junction with the Stonewater development were now underway, with traffic light controls expected to be in place for three weeks. He would ask Highways to erect 'slow' signage to protect pedestrians and site staff at this narrow point on the A356. Cllr. Bond noted that the lights had had to be removed early this morning due to school run traffic and vehicles parking up on the pavements. She noted that the Clerk had contacted the school, and the school would be emailing parents and carers to ask them to park further away from the works site.

227 CLERK'S PROGRESS REPORT

21/22

The Clerk noted that several reports of overflowing bins to the rear of M&Co and Falkland Square had been received, and that these had been notified to SSDC. She also clarified that, following a misleading notice in the paper, that the legal transfer of the war memorial 'Tommy' at Severalls from SSDC to Crewkerne Town Council was underway. She had been in touch with SSDC to continue to ask about the possibility of the transfer of the memorial gardens to the Town Council but had not yet been able to make progress on this issue.

228 PLANNING

21/22

To consider the following applications due before the next P&H meeting:

a. 22/00945/REM Crewkerne Key Site 1, Land East of Crewkerne between A30 and A356 Yeovil Rd
Cllr. Pailthorpe noted that the Town Council was a consultee rather than the decision-making authority, and that the application would be decided at the next Area West meeting. Cllrs. noted that it was disappointing that larger sized hard copy plans were not made available on detailed applications such as this.

Recommend Approval.

b. 22/0654/REM Holly Tree Farm, Longstrings Lane, Crewkerne

Cllrs. noted that the design of the proposed development is not appropriate or in keeping with the surrounding environment and existing properties. Concerns were raised regarding the access road to the proposed development and Cllrs. supported the following comments from the Public Right of Way Officer at County Council: *"The local planning authority needs to be confident that the applicant can demonstrate that they have an all-purpose vehicular right to the property along path CH 33/13. If they are unable to and permission is granted, then the local planning authority could potentially be encouraging criminal activity through permitting driving on a public path without lawful authority"*.

Recommend Refusal.

c. 22/00825/HOU 105 Park View, Crewkerne

Recommend Approval.

d. 22/00983/FUL The Workshops, Old Mill Lane, Crewkerne

Recommend Approval.

e. 22/00826/HOU 4 Westover View, Brickyard Lane, Crewkerne

Recommend Approval.

f. 22/00817/HOU 47 Thomson Drive, Crewkerne

Recommend Approval.

229 FINANCE

21/22

a. To approve the accounts for payment for April 2022 as listed

A question was answered relating to a payment for staff training. The Clerk reported that Cllr. Wakeman had verified the accounts for payment in accordance with the Council's Financial Regulations. Accounts for payment for 25 April 2022 in the sum of £52,748.06 were APPROVED.

b. To report the bank reconciliation for March 2022 has been completed

The Clerk reported that Cllr. Wakeman had verified the bank reconciliation for March 2022. It was noted that cash in hand as of 31 March 2022 was £166,570.33.

230 JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS

21/22 To receive an update on Platinum Jubilee celebrations and funding

The Deputy Clerk reported that:

- The programme of Jubilee events in Crewkerne was being finalised;
- Stallholder applications were being invited;
- Crewkerne Boxing Club had offered to run taster sessions in their portable ring;
- It was hoped a 'doodle wall' could be included if funding obtained;
- Funding applications had been made to the Market Towns Investment Group (MTIG) and Awards for All to keep costs down;
- Budget currently stood at £3,102.75 and final figures would be reported to the next Town Council meeting for agreement once the outcome of funding applications was known.

231 JUNIOR AQUATHON

21/22 To consider a request to use Henhayes for a running event on 3 July 2022

A request to use part of Henhayes for the Junior Aquathon event was AGREED.

232 MARKET POWERS

21/22 To resolve that Crewkerne Town Council would use Part III of the Food Act 1984 to operate and manage markets

It was AGREED that the Town Council would rely on Part III of the Food Act 1984 to operate and manage markets.

233 TO RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING MINUTES AND APPROVE ANY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTAINED THEREIN:

21/22 a. Planning & Highways 14 March 2022

Received and any recommendations contained therein APPROVED.

234 MATTERS OF REPORT

21/22

None.

235 NEXT MEETING

21/22

Annual Town Council Meeting, Monday 16th May, 18.45, Council Chamber.

Cllr. Pailthorpe thanked all Councillors for their work and support over the term of this Council and wished everyone the best for the future.

The meeting closed at 7.24pm.



Signed:

Dated:

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