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Minutes of Crediton Town Council's Property and Assets Committee held on Tuesday 19 April 2022 at 19.00 at The Bungalow, North Street, Crediton

Present: Cllrs F Letch (Chairman), J Harris, M Szabo, G Cochran and J Cairney

Apologies: Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, L Martin and S Huxtable

In Attendance: Lisa Blake, Projects Officer Rachel Avery, Town Clerk 2 members of the public

60. To receive and accept apologies

The meeting was opened at 19.00. It was **resolved** to accept the apologies of Cllrs E Brookes-Hocking, L Martin and S Huxtable. (Proposed by Cllr Harris)

61. Declarations of Interest - To receive declarations of personal interest and disclosable pecuniary interests (DPI's) in respect of items on this agenda

Cllrs Letch & Cairney declared that as a member of more than one authority, any views or opinions expressed at the meeting would be provisional and would not prejudice any views expressed at a meeting of another authority

62. Public Question Time- To receive questions from members of the public relevant to the work of the committee

There were no members of the public present at the time of taking this agenda item.

63. To note that decisions will be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making

It was **noted** that decisions would be made with the climate emergency at the forefront of decision and policy making.

- 64. Order of Business At the discretion of the Chairman, to adjust, as necessary, the order of agenda items to accommodate visiting members, officers or members of the public There were no changes to the order of business.
- 65. Chairman's and Clerk's Announcements To receive any announcements which the Chairman and Clerk may wish to make (for information only)

The Projects Officer advised that MDDC had confirmed that the Town Square trees were routinely inspected by their Tree Officer. Due to their assessment that they are relatively small and a Quality Tree Risk Assessment was not required. The next inspection is due in June 2023. Cllr Letch informed that MDDC has deferred planning of Lidl application that was due to be discussed at a meeting on 20 April 2022.



66. Committee Meeting Minutes - To approve and sign as a correct record the minutes of the Property and Assets Committee meeting held on 22 February 2022

It was **resolved** to approve the minutes of the meeting on 22 February 2022. (Proposed by Cllr Cairney).

67. To receive the report on Stony Park and consider the recommendations therein (a copy of the report was circulated prior to the meeting)

Quotations had been obtained and a valuation for rental had been received, with a market valuation following soon. The rental valuation and future use was considered, and it was **resolved** that a deposit of £100 should be taken prior to the entry of any future rental agreements at Stonypark. (Proposed by Cllr Cochran). The Projects Officer updated that the current tenant had been served notice and was required to vacate the land by 31 July 2022, under the conditions of the tenancy the land and property should be left in tact. It was **noted** that there is currently a broken gate so this should be repaired as soon as possible and the Town Clerk would contact the tenant.

- **68.** To receive an update on agreed works at Peoples Park and to consider future works required The Projects Officer advised that the crown lifting works on the trees next to Peoples Park Wildlife area had been instructed and would be carried out by Devon Tree Services. Some outstanding work from the QTRA on items T9 and T14.10 for stump grinding had previously been instructed and these works have been chased up by the Assistant Clerk. A quote from Devon Tree Services had been received for the woodchipping of the top path at Peoples Park for £1300. It was **resolved** that this quotation be accepted .(Proposed by Cllr Harris). The report regarding the Priority 2 works from the QTRA was discussed, with Cllr Cochran offering to undertake the works free of charge as a volunteer. The insurance cover for the Council will be confirmed prior to any works being undertaken.
- 69. To receive an update on Old Landscore School and to agree a course of action

The Projects Officer advised that urgent electrical works had been completed and that a meeting for Old Landscore School Task and Finish Group would be arranged.

70. To discuss using the underspend from last year's budget for the improvements for the toilets and agree a course of action

The Projects Officer reported that there had been a £3159 underspend last year, however this was mainly due to the toilets being mostly closed so there had been very little electricity used. It was **agreed** that the full survey for section drawings to look at whether the current building can be developed should be a priority and this would require a large proportion of this money. It was **noted** that a quote was awaited.

71. To note the date of the next meeting - 21 June 2022

The date of the next meeting was **noted**. The meeting closed at 19.36.

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date:....

