

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 20 AUGUST 2012**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. G. Smith, Deputy Mayor Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. D. Airs, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. S. Eastwood, Cllr. P. Harris,
Cllr. G. Hayman, Cllr. K. Johnson, Cllr. A. Nash, Cllr. C. Plewman,
Cllr. M. Saunders, Cllr. H. Thompson, Cllr. V. Woodcock MBE (to item 12.3 incl)
District Cllr. J. Lee (to item 7 incl)

Mrs. J. Chance (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner (Deputy Town Clerk)
EDP Reporter A. Hurrell, P.C. B. Cresswell, 6 members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 09 JULY 2012**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 09 July 2012 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. T. Bartlett – Cromer Preservation Society & COAST.

Cllr. C. Plewman – COAST & Skatepark.

Cllr. S. Eastwood – Skatepark.

Cllr. H. Thompson – Skatepark & COAST

It was noted that declaration forms would be completed by all members declaring an interest.

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were considered and accepted from Cllr. Bond and Cllr. Royall.

4. **POLICE MATTERS**

4.1 **Police Report**

The police report was circulated (refer attached). P.C. Cresswell advised that the police will be issuing fixed penalty notices to drivers parked on New Street. Letters have been delivered to all households in the area.

Cllr. Johnson raised concern that too many drivers are still using New Street as a rat-run. Cllr. Pritchard thanked the police for all the work done at the Olympics.

4.2 **Traffic Lights at Overstrand Road**

PC Cresswell advised that the police are continuing to monitor this. A member of the public had queried whether the signage was adequate. Cllr. Thompson reported that NCC Highways have investigated this in the past and advise that the route to the town centre is well signed from Cromwell Road. PC Cresswell was asked to find out whether a camera could be installed to record offenders and issue fines. The Clerk advised that these issues will be raised at the SNAP meeting on 18 September 2012.

P.C. Cresswell left the meeting.

5. **YOUTH**

5.1 **Cromer Academy Student Council**

There was no representative present and no report given.

5.2 **Youth Budget**

A report was circulated but it was felt that the questions raised at a previous meeting had not been answered. Cllr. Thompson will check.

5.3 **Youth Advisory Board**

Cllr. Eastwood advised that he has emailed Mr. Gowler and is awaiting a reply.

5.4 **Skatepark**

It was noted that Cllr. Johnson and Cllr. Thompson had met with representatives from the Skatepark Group and that all parties are now satisfied with the proposed location for the skatepark. Cllr. Thompson advised that NCC own much of this land and are happy to transfer ownership. This will not affect the Weavers Way footpath.

5.5 **Other Youth Matters** (for information only)

It was noted that it is hoped that pupils from the Infant School and Junior School will soon visit North Lodge.

6. **QUESTIONS TO COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

Waste Collection – Concern was raised that the garden waste collections in the Sandy Lane area have been a day late for the last 5 weeks. Concern was also raised that the bins near the pier are overflowing and surrounded by carrier bags of rubbish. Cllr. Lee advised that garden waste should be collected on a Monday and will look into this. He also advised that there are increased collections from the litter bins over the summer holiday period but will make enquires. It was noted that at 4am on the morning following Carnival Day the town was strewn with rubbish but by 9am everything was spotless.

North Lodge Park – It was noted that the motion regarding a car park in North Lodge Park had not yet been overturned but as the park is likely to be handed over to a Community Trust, the future of the park will be dependent on what the trust wants. The works to the play area will not progress as the proposals were rejected by the public and Cromer Town Council. NNDC have put on hold all matters relating to North Lodge Park and will pass the park to the Community Trust as a clean sheet.

Youth – Cllr. Thompson was asked to find out whether any of the schools in Cromer will be affected by the changes in funding.

New Development at 10a Cliff Drive – Cllr. Johnson was asked to find out whether the development is in line with the planning application.

Cars in North Lodge Park - Cllr. Johnson advised that NNDC have a vested interest in North Lodge Park and are prepared to arrange for the car parking area to be patrolled.

7. It was **resolved** that the meeting be closed for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

North Lodge Park – A member of the public reported that at the public meeting in May, Cllr. Lee advised that the money for the Children’s Play Area was secure and that the works would proceed. A query was raised as to why the slides at The Meadow have been dismantled in the middle of August.

Flag Flying – Several members of the public thanked the Town Council for allowing the Rainbow Flag to be flown. The support shown to the young people was much appreciated and flying the flag contributed greatly to inclusion.

*The meeting re-opened.
Cllr. Lee left the meeting.*

8. **NORTH LODGE PARK**

It was noted that members of Cromer Town Council are to meet with the Chief Executive of NNDC to discuss the structure of the public meeting. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Harris will draft a document to provide members with background information in respect of community trusts.

3 members of the public left the meeting.

9. **AMBULANCE CUTS**

It was noted that the Clerk is arranging a meeting with the Chief Executive of the East of England Ambulance Service, Norman Lamb MP and representatives from Parish & Town Councils. The date and time of meeting are yet to be confirmed.

10. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 12 July 2012 & 09 August 2012**

Cllr. Harris presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 July 2012, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Item 9.3 Homes 2 U – Cllr Harris advised that a public meeting is to be held in Cromer Community Centre at 7pm on 27 September 2012.

Cllr. Eastwood presented the minutes of the meeting held on 09 August 2012, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Item 7.1 Roughton Road – It was noted that the pipistrelle bats are not nesting in the hedge. One member voiced disappointment that Cromer Town Council is not accepting the S106 agreement. It was explained that the LDF stipulates a minimum of 1 hectare and the land concerned only measures 0.5 hectares thus it was felt that to agree to the S106 proposal could set a precedent. Also the proposed affordable housing is only 25% whilst the LDF stipulates 45%.

Item 7.2 Former Police Station & Magistrates’ Court – Concern was raised that the existing building is to be demolished. It was **AGREED** that this is an iconic

building for Cromer and that Cromer town Council should protect this building and fight for community use. It was **AGREED** that Cromer Town Council instruct the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee to fully take on board the comments made tonight and take them to the meeting with McCarthy & Stone.

Item 9.1 NNDC Development Committee – Concern was raised regarding the error made in respect of misrepresentation of NNDC Development Committee and members were asked to consider sending a letter to NNDC. It was noted that the agenda of the meeting is not set until the day as items are moved according to the number of people in attendance per item. It was suggested that a system is set up whereby people could be sent a text advising them of where items are on the agenda. It was noted that the system is being reviewed.

Item 9.4 Street Naming – It was noted that Cromer Town Council will still be consulted on street names.

Item 10.2 A148 Holt Road Bridge – It was noted that works are programmed to start in January 2013.

Item 10.3 Former T.I.C. – It was noted that volunteers are to meet to paint the building over the weekend of 25/26 August 2012. Concern was raised that people are still queuing on Cadogan Road for some buses and that the building needs to be demolished so that the bus station can be completed. NCC had previously agreed that the building would be demolished and the bus station completed within 2 years. It was **AGREED** to write to NCC to hold them to their obligation and ask that the works progress as promised.

11. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Update from the Promotions & Development Committee**

There were no updates.

11.2 **Christmas Celebrations**

It was noted that the celebrations have been rescheduled to take place on 30 Nov & 01 Dec 2012. The switch on of the Christmas Lights will be on 30 Nov 2012. A query was raised in respect of the monies carried forward from the 2011 celebrations and it was suggested that legal advice is obtained to ensure that the Town Council is not acting Ultra Vires.

1 member of the public arrived.

12. **STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 07 August 2012**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 07 August 2012, which were **APPROVED**.

12.2 **QJ&J Boat**

It was **AGREED** to appoint Rosie Glasgow to write the grant funding application at a cost of £250.00. It was further **AGREED** that before applying for funding, a business plan needs to be drawn up to include maintenance costs and confirmation of a secure site for the boat.

12.3 **Prayers at meetings**

Following lengthy discussion, it was **AGREED** with 13 members voting in favour and one against, to continue to hold full council meetings at 7pm and a time for reflection will be held at 6.45pm.

Cllr. Woodcock MBE., 1 member of the public and the press left the meeting.

12.4 **Debt Control Policy**

It was **AGREED** to adopt a Debt Control Policy (refer attached).

12.5 **New Activites**

It was **AGREED** that costings of all new activities are to be put forward with the proposed resolution. The Standing Orders will be amended to reflect this.

13. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Update from the Works & General Purposes Committee**

It was noted that the committee will be meeting on 28 August 2012. Cllr. Pritchard will be reporting on his attendance at a cemetery training session.

13.2 **Woodland Trust Trees**

It was noted that NNDC have confirmed that Warren Wood, Links Wood and Station Wood could accept more plantings. It was suggested that memorial trees could be planted in these woods. This will be included for further discussion at the next meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee.

14. **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

14.1 **Mayor's Report**

Refer attached.

14.2 **Deputy Mayor's Report**

The Deputy Mayor reported on his attendance at various events.

15. **REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OTHER COMMITTEES**

There were no reports.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

16.1 **Correspondence as detailed in Appendix attached**

The correspondence listed was noted and action agreed as follows:

- Payment Methods –To Strategy & Finance Committee to deal.

16.2 Correspondence received since 28 February 2012

- Local Works (circulated)
- Norfolk Link (circulated)
- CPRE Protect our Paths – To Planning Transportation & Environment committee to deal
- NALC AGM – To Startegy & Finance to consider
- Openness & Transparency (circulated)
- CPS Newsletter
- COAST Programme

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 01 October 2012 at 7pm.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.16pm.

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Signed

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Dated