

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2014 AT 7.00 PM  
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE**

**Present:-**

Chairman – Cllr. P. Harris, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. T. Adams,  
Cllr. D. Airs, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. H. Cox, Cllr. J. Frostdick,  
Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery, Cllr. D. Pritchard and Cllr. A. Yiasimi.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk.

One member of the public also attended the meeting.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2013**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> November 2013, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2013, were signed by the Chairman.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS**

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. P. Harris in respect of Planning Application No. PF/13/1412.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett in respect of Planning Application No. PF/13/1541 and any Cromer Preservation Society matters.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. A. Yiasimi in respect of North Norfolk District Council's planning committee. Cllr. Yiasimi is not a voting Member but attends the meetings.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Bond and Cllr. C. Plewman.

It was **AGREED** to suspend the meeting for public participation.

**4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public read objections on behalf of the Cromer Preservation Society to Planning Application numbers PF/13/1412, PF/12/0685, PF/13/0786 and LA/13/0768. Letters have been received by the office concerning these objections. Noted.

The meeting was reconvened.

**5. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- Appendix A attached.**

**6. PLANNING DECISIONS:- Appendix B attached.**

7. **PRE-SUBMISSION PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

None received.

8. **PLANNING APPEALS**

8.1 **PF/13/0438 – Halsey House:-** Circulated. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will obtain the updated position. This matter will be placed on the next agenda in order to update Members.

9. **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 **Development Committee:-** Cllr. Barlett reported that he attended the meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December. Planning Application No. PF/13/1222 Demolition of former Police Station and Court House and erection of 34 retirement apartments with communal facilities; former Police Station and Magistrates Court, 5 Holt Road for McCarthy and Stone Retirement Lifestyles Limited was turned down. McCarthy and Stone Retirement Lifestyles Limited have been asked to redesign their development for further consideration.

9.2 **Former Police Station:-** The Clerk confirmed that she had written with Cromer Town Council's objections. This matter is dealt with above.

9.3 **Balcony House:-** The Clerk read a letter received from North Norfolk District Council stating that they are aware of the poor condition of the property and are also concerned. They contacted the owners earlier in 2013 when the owners indicated that they were hoping to start work on the building by the end of 2013. This matter will be placed on the next agenda. This matter will be monitored.

9.4 **Cromer Market:-** Nothing to report. It was **AGREED** that this matter would be put on hold until further information is to hand.

10. **LICENSES**

10.1 None received.

11. **HIGHWAY MATTERS**

11.1 **Bus Station:-** The Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council have produced a revised plan which was circulated to all Members. This plan was agreed and the Clerk will obtain the up-to-date position and enquire when work is due to start. It was reported that parking on the bus station is a major issue. This area is privately owned by Norfolk County Council. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to the taxi companies and local businesses to inform them that it is private land and they are parking illegally. Cllr. Cox has enquired whether signs can be erected informing the public that it is private land.

- 11.2 Mount Street:-** The Clerk read an email received from Norfolk County Council stating that they are in the process of arranging a site meeting with the contractor to go through the scheme and discuss possible timescales. It is hoped that work will commence early 2014. Norfolk County Council will inform the Members of the exact timescales when known.
- 11.3 Temporary Traffic Orders:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 11.4 A148:-** The Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council are looking into the matter of relocating the Cromer Town Sign as requested by the Safer Neighbourhood Campaigners. Cllr. Cox reported that she will be having a meeting with Paul Donnachie and County Councillor Baker shortly and she will obtain the updated position on the Cromer Town Council sign. Cllr. Cox will keep the Members informed of any outcome from the meeting.
- 11.5 Promenade Cycle Way:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to North Norfolk District Council to enquire whether a cycle way can be installed on the promenade during the current works being carried out to the coastal defences. The cycle way would be preferred furthest away from the sea wall as holiday makers walk close to the sea wall in order to take in the views.
- 11.6 Bus Lane – Overstrand Road:-** Cllr. Hamilton-Emery reported that members of the public are not noticing the information signs stating that there is no through route to the town via the Overstrand Road. Cllr. Cox reported that Norfolk County Council have looked at this matter a considerable number of times and they do not feel any further signage is necessary. During regeneration there were plans for all traffic to be diverted away from the Overstrand Road but there was concern about access to the doctor's surgery. It is hoped that if at any time in the future the doctor's surgery is moved the original plans will be revisited which will address the issue.
- 11.7 Sandy Lane:-** Following complaints from a resident concerning parked vehicles, Cllr. Pritchard reported that no law is being broken. There is little Norfolk County Council or the Police can do to appease the complainant as the vehicles are parked legally.
- 11.8 Overgrown Leylandii:-** The Clerk read a note received from a member of the public stating that although one of the trees have been cut back to reveal the street light, there are several Leylandii trees which are overgrown. It was **AGREED** that as the trees are on private land the Town Council do not have any jurisdiction to ask the owners to cut back the trees. The street lighting contractor has carried out the necessary work in order for the street light to be visible. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will inform the member of the public accordingly.
- 11.9 The Croft:-** It was reported that vehicles are still parking on the land through from The Croft to Richmond Gardens. It was reported that Kier cut the grass in the area. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will liaise with Kier and try to ascertain the ownership of the land.

**12. TRANSPORTATION MATTERS**

**12.1 Bittern Line Working Group:-** Cllr. Harris reported that Cromer Station has won an award for all the good work carried out by the working group to improve the station.

**12.2 Coasthopper Bus Service:-** The Clerk reported that she has written in support of retention of the service and has received a reply stating that this will be taken into consideration during the consultation.

**12.3 Norfolk Green – Sale of Go West:-** Circulated. Noted.

**13. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS**

**13.1 Norfolk Coast Path:-** It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on hold until the summer of 2014.

**13.2 Pre-Application Advice:-** Circulated. Noted.

**13.3 NNDC Licensing Policy for Sex Establishments:-** Circulated. Noted.

**14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February, 2014.

**There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.20 pm.**

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**Chairman**

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**Date**