

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
THE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL 2014 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER**

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. P. Harris, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. D. Airs, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. H. Cox,
Cllr. J. Frosdick, Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. M. Saunders and Cllr. A. Yiasimi.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk.

Two members of the public also attended the meeting.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THURSDAY 3RD APRIL, 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 3rd April 2014, having been circulated, were taken as read, **AGREED** and signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett in respect of any Cromer Preservation Society matters.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery – held up in Norwich.

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

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the public thanked the Members of Cromer Town Council for the crossing at Mount Street.

A member of the public explained the problem with parking on both sides of The Croft. This matter will be discussed later on the agenda.

The meeting was reconvened.

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

Planning Application No. PF/14/0330 – 6 Alfred Road:- Cllr. Bartlett said that the heritage of the town needs to be defended and the original architect's design of the house, which included the windows, was seen as cohesive. The property is in the conservation area and he felt that the replacement of the windows in plastic is letting the quality of the building down.

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

7. **PRE-SUBMISSION PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

None received.

8. **PLANNING APPEALS**

None received.

9. **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 Development Committee:- Nothing to report.

9.2 Balcony House:- The Clerk read a letter received from North Norfolk District Council, confirming that the work has commenced on Balcony House. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to North Norfolk District Council and enquire how long the work is likely to take. The reason for the enquiry is to try and determine how long the scaffolding will be in place.

9.3 Planning Policy:- It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

9.4 Fletcher Hospital:- The Clerk read a letter received from North Norfolk District Council, stating that planning permission was granted for conversion of the premises to five houses and twenty one flats on 7th September 2005. Subsequent to that permission, details were submitted pursuant to the planning conditions, and a material commencement was made on the development, prior to the expiry of the permission. Cllr. Cox reported that North Norfolk District Council will be having a site visit as the owner has not adhered to the conditions of the planning permission. It is hoped that an agreement will be reached in order that the work is not impeded.

9.5 Pimperlens, The Warren, Cromer – Lawful Development Certificate:- Noted.

10. **LICENSES**

None received.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 11.1 Bus Station/Bus Shelter:-** The Clerk reported that Cllr. Bond is in the process of putting together a design for the new bus shelter. Once this is to hand the Clerk will obtain a quotation for its construction. Funding has been obtained from Norfolk County Council for 50% of the cost of the bus shelter up to a maximum of £10,000. Cromer Town Council only has £3,000 in the current budget which will not cover their 50%. It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next Full Council agenda for agreement of the shortfall of £2,000 to be paid from reserves. The Clerk reported that as part of the landscaping programme, Norfolk County Council are intending to install a bell bollard on the corner of Cabbell Road to protect the pavement from heavy vehicles. Cllr. Bond said that this is an ideal opportunity to install a piece of art more in keeping with Cromer. The Clerk is making enquiries into funding available. Cllr. Pritchard enquired the up-to-date position with the traffic order for no parking on the bus station. Cllr. Cox will enquire and report back to the Members accordingly.
- 11.2 Mount Street Crossing:-** The Clerk reported that Norfolk County Council have just changed contractors. The reinstatement of the white lines at Mount Street is at the top of the list and will be done as soon as the new contractors are fully in place. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would contact Norfolk County Council and point out that the discussions concerning the reinstatement of the white lines was some time ago and the junction is dangerous, with cars going straight on up Church Street which is a one way street. Following lengthy discussion it was recognised that the new crossing is working, in that pedestrians feel safer and vehicles are slowing down. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would enquire the current position with the monitoring of the new crossing by Norfolk County Council.
- 11.3 Temporary Traffic Order:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 11.4 Cycle Lane – Promenade:-** The Clerk reported that she has asked North Norfolk District Council to issue a press release to inform the public of the proposed consultation. Cllr. Yiasimi reported that there is a byelaw preventing cycling on the promenade at the moment. If the consultation identifies that this needs to change, a risk assessment will be carried out by North Norfolk District Council.
- 11.5 Overgrown Hedges:-** The Clerk confirmed that a press release has been submitted requesting members of the public to cut back their hedges in order not to impede people’s ability to use the footways. It was **AGREED** that as and when concerns are raised the Clerk will ask Norfolk County Council to write to the property owners and request them to cut back their hedges.
- 11.6 Junction Study Review – A148/B1436:-** Circulated. Noted.
- 11.7 Parking – Cromer:-** The Clerk read a letter received from a member of the public concerning the parking between Vicarage Road and The Croft. Cars park on both sides of the road making it impassable. Concern was raised that emergency vehicles cannot get through. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Norfolk County Council supporting the request for the yellow lines to be extended in order to alleviate the problem. Cars are parking on the

pavement on one side of the road and it was **AGREED** that the Clerk would place this matter on the next SNAP agenda for clarification of the law and monitoring. This matter will be added to the next residents' parking meeting agenda.

The Clerk read an email received concerning parking on Corner Street. This matter will be placed on the next residents' parking meeting agenda.

12. TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

12.1 Late Night Service – Bittern Line:- Cllr. Bartlett reported that there is a lot of support for the late night service but more support is needed from the surrounding parishes. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk will write to Greater Anglian clarifying that an extra train is needed and not just for the last train to be moved to a later time.

12.2 Northern Distributor Road:- Cllr. Harris reported that he has registered Cromer Town Council in order that we have the opportunity to respond to the consultation.

13. CORRESPONDENCE AND CIRCULARS

13.1 Tree Preservation Order – Reeve Place:- The Clerk reported that this tree preservation order has been confirmed.

14. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 1st May, 2014.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.00 pm.

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Chairman

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Date