

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 30 JUNE 2014**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. A. Nash, Deputy Mayor Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. H. Cox, Cllr. J. Frosdick,
Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. C Plewman, Cllr. M. Saunders (from item 7), Cllr. G. Smith,
Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner (Deputy Town Clerk)

P.C.S.O. Holmes (item 8 only).
Miss. Burrows (Cromer Academy – to item 5)
Reporter Sophie Wyllie
5 members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19 MAY 2014 &
23 JUNE 2014**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19 May 2014 and 23 June 2014 be **APPROVED** subject to the amendment below. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

It was noted that under item 1 of the meeting held on 19 May 2014, one member abstained from the vote for the election of Mayor.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Bartlett – Cromer Preservation Society

Cllr. Plewman – Skatepark

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were considered and accepted from Cllr. Saunders who will be late arriving at the meeting due to work commitments.

Apologies were noted from District Cllr. Lee.

4. **COMMITTEES & REPRESENTATIVES**

It was **AGREED** to appoint representatives as follows:

Cromer Community Association – Cllrs. Bartlett, Cox and Harris

Rural Local Sounding Board – Cllr. Hamilton-Emery

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Stibbons will serve on the Promotions & Development Committee.

5. **YOUTH**

5.1 **Cromer Academy Student Council**

Miss. Burrows reported on a very busy term at Cromer Academy. It was noted that the year 11 students have left and that Harriet Crowe and David Corbett have been appointed Head Girl and Head Boy for the forthcoming year. There has been a focus on student safety and road safety. The students are looking forward to working with the community.

Miss Burrows left the meeting at 7.05pm.

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

Cllr. Plewman reported that the Skatepark now have to raise the final £10,000 to £15,000. It is hoped to start building the Skatepark in September.

6. **CASUAL VACANCY**

It was noted that no election had been called for the vacancy and **AGREED** to proceed as per the previous vacancy. It was requested that this be progressed as soon as possible, preferably before the school holidays.

Cllr. Saunders and P.C.S.O. Holmes arrived at the meeting during item 7.

7. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL**

7.1 **Questions to councillors**

District & County Cllr. Cox and District Cllr. Yiasimi provided the following responses to questions raised at the previous meeting:

Leftover paint – There is only one collection per annum but householders can get in touch for advice.

Bus Station – The railings are in place and the enforcement of no parking should start soon.

Glass Banks – Doorstep collection of glass should commence in September.

EDP Streetwise – Response circulated to members.

Openwide International – Contingency plans are in place should the need arise.

County Cllr. Cox gave an update on Norfolk County Council matters.

Questions were raised as follows:

Cromer Museum – Members raised concern at the proposed cuts in the opening hours at Cromer Museum. Cllr. Cox advised that this is still being looked into by NCC.

NNDC Development Committee – Concern was raised that despite strong recommendations and legal advice to approve the crematorium application, members refused permission. It was questioned that taking into account the costs of a successful appeal, what is our members' opinion on this? Cllrs. Cox advised that due to a conflict of interests she does not get involved in this issue. Cllr. Yiasimi advised that whilst he attends the meetings, the decision remains with the committee at NNDC. It was also pointed out that going against Officers' recommendations means that an appeal could be made and could cost NNDC a lot of money. How can this be found when cuts are being made elsewhere? Cllr. Cox will ask at NNDC.

Housing – It was reported at the AGM of Norfolk Rural Community Council that Norfolk is top of the list in respect of the ratio of income needed to purchase a house (8 times income required) but North Norfolk is bottom of the list for building affordable housing. Cllrs. Cox and Yiasimi were asked to find out what NNDC is doing to help people find a home.

The Clerk advised that Sheila Oxtoby and Tom Fitzpatrick will be attending the Town Council meeting on 20 October 2014.

8. **POLICE MATTERS**

8.1 **Police Report**

P.C.S.O. Holmes circulated a report (refer attached).

Concern was raised in respect of the proposed cuts to the police service and asked whether there will be a public consultation. P.C.S.O. Holmes will contact Inspector Brooks for a formal reply.

8.2 **Other Police Matters**

There were no other police matters.

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

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cromer Sign – A member of the public was advised that a report into the condition of the sign is awaited before any relocation of the sign can be progressed.

A148 Steps to safety – It was requested that Cromer Town Council responds to the Junction Study Review. A copy of the request was left with the Clerk.

Cabbell Park - It was reported that NNDC are to advertise the intention to remove the covenant on the Cabbell Park and that Cromer Preservation Society oppose any development on the site. A copy of the report was left with the Clerk.

*The meeting was reconvened.
P.C.S.O. Holmes left the meeting.*

10. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 29 May 2014 & 19 June 2014**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meetings held on 29 May 2014 and 19 June 2014, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Cromer Sign on A148 – The costs of replacing/relocating the sign was questioned as it was felt that the money could be better spent elsewhere. It was **AGREED** to defer any decision to the budget setting meeting for next year.

10.2 **Dog Ban on Fearn's Park**

It was noted that following two incidents where children had been bitten by a dog, requests have been received for a dog ban on Fearn's Field. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write to NNDC to ask that they investigate making the most appropriate part of the park dog free.

11. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions & Development Committee held on 20 May 2014**

Cllr. Hamilton-Emery presented the minutes of the meeting held on 20 May 2014 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

11.2 **Twinning Association**

Members were in receipt of a letter in respect of twinning. Cllr. Nash advised that it had been proposed that the Twinning Association remain as they are at present but that they need the rubber stamp of the Town Council in order to participate in twinning events. Grants would be applied for in the same way as any other organisation. It was **AGREED** that the Town Council's links with the Twinning Association remain unchanged.

12. **STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 17 June 2014**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

12.2 **War Memorial Budget**

It was **AGREED** to permit the War Memorial working group to draw funds of £136 in order to apply for a lottery licence for a raffle and for the costs of printing the raffle tickets. This will be progressed by the Clerk, Deputy Clerk and Cllr. Pritchard in order that tickets can be sold at the fundraising concert on 04 August 2014. Details of the concert were provided.

12.3 **Sheringham Town Council**

The Clerk read a letter from the Mayor of Sheringham. Cllr. Pritchard gave a verbal response to members. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write to Mrs. Brookes in support of the two councils continuing to work together in the future.

The meeting was briefly suspended due to the interruption of a member of the public. The meeting reconvened.

13. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 17 June 2014**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 June 2014, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

It was **AGREED** to move forward part of the discussion on North Lodge Park.

14. **NORTH LODGE PARK**

Following the refusal of planning permission for the crematorium, an alternative business plan was drafted showing a revised budget with no income from the crematorium. Copies were circulated to members. It was noted that the earliest date for the transfer of the park would be 01 September. Concern was raised at the informality of the figures quoted in the report.

It was **proposed** that negotiations to take on the park are suspended until it is known whether there will be any finances from Westerleigh. This proposal fell.

It was **AGREED** to set up a meeting of the North Lodge Park Committee. This meeting will be open to the public.

Cllr. Nolan left the meeting.

15. **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

15.1 **Mayor's Report** - The Mayor reported on his attendance at various events (refer attached). It was **AGREED** that the Mayor will present a gift to Rev. Court at his final church service on 06 July 2014.

15.2 **Deputy Mayor's Report** – The Deputy Mayor reported on his attendance at various events.

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

Bittern Line – Cllr. Cox provided an update.

DEFRA – Cllr. Cox gave a brief update in respect of Marine Conservation Zones and advised that it will not stop fishing on the chalk reefs.

Norfolk RCC – Cllr. Harris reported on his attendance at the AGM. The number one concern is the cost of living and cost of fuel.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

17.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

The correspondence listed was noted or action agreed as detailed.

Cabbell Park

Letter from resident read out.

Cllr. Cox declared an interest in this item.

It was **AGREED** that this be a substantive item on the agenda of the Town Council meeting on 28 July 2014 but if the notice is published before then, a special meeting will be called.

It was noted that Cllr. Bartlett (as a resident) is meeting Steve Blatch and will ask for the timeframe on the consultation relating to the removal of the covenant.

Cromer Skatepark Group

Balance sheet

North Walsham TC

Civic Service

Norfolk ALC

Weekly updates

RAF Marham

Email re Ceremonial Events

Norfolk Police

Weekly updates

NNDC

New Byelaw

Agenda for Full Council meeting

Coastal Forum meeting – 01 July 2014

**Norfolk Coast Partnership
Partnerships bid**

‘Living on the Edge’ – HLF Landscapes

Inspiration Trust

Newsletter

17.2 **Correspondence received since 23 June 2014**

BB4N

Meeting 6.30pm 17 June 2014

Train Services

Cross country services to terminate at Nottingham instead of straight through.

It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write that this is reconsidered and that the service is improved.

18. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm on 28 July 2014

19. **RESOLUTION UNDER THE PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS ACT 1960) TO EXCLUDE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

Members of the press and public left the meeting.

*It was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting.*

20. **NORTH LODGE & NORTH LODGE PARK**

Access to basement flat - The Town Clerk explained the history of the case and gave an update in respect of the litigation which is on-going. It was **AGREED** to proceed.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9:40pm.

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Dated