

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT
COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 09 OCTOBER, 2014 AT 7.00 PM
IN CROMER COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Present:-

Chair – Cllr. T. Adams, Vice Chair – Cllr. J. Bond,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. H. Cox, Cllr. J. Frosdick, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. C. Plewman
and Cllr. A. Yiasimi.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk, Janet Warner – Deputy Town Clerk

Guest speakers:-

Steve Blatch & Tom Fitzpatrick, NNDC
Martin Dixon & Vinnie Purdy, NCC Highways

In Attendance:-

Cllr. S. Lidgley, Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. G. Smith & Cllr. B. Stibbons
EDP Reporter Sabah Meddings, 60 Members of the public

It was **AGREED** to change the order of the agenda.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11 SEPTEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11 September 2014, were **APPROVED** and signed by the Chair.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett in respect of any Cromer Preservation Society matters and by Cllr. Cox in respect of planning application PF/14/1296. A corporate interest was declared in respect of The Watch House.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Hamilton-Emery, Cllr. Nash, Cllr. Nolan and Cllr. Saunders due to illness and work commitments

It was **AGREED** to suspend the meeting for Public Participation and also **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to extend the time limit to allow all those who wish to address Council to speak.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cromer Market & Taxi Rank – Numerous concerns were raised by traders, market traders and taxi drivers in respect of the consultation to move Cromer Market to Tucker Street. Concerns voiced included the following:

- Bond Street traders concerned at loss of parking spaces for shoppers and delivery vehicles.

- Bond Street is used by lorries delivering to businesses on Church Street eg. Jarrolds and Shoe Zone.
- Royal Mail are to increase their number of post vans from 7 to 9 which will mean more vehicles using Bond Street.
- Taxi drivers raised concern that many elderly people use taxis for their shopping trips, trips to the Post Office and Opticians and need to be able to summon a taxi in the town centre. Many are not able to struggle up to Cadogan Road with their shopping. It is on an incline and it is difficult to cross Prince of Wales Road. The majority of the customers are from Budgens.
- Taxi drivers are concerned about the safety of their drivers if they have to park on Cadogan Road.
- If the taxis are moved to Bond Street they will be less visible and due to there only being three spaces, many taxis will be circling the town.
- One taxi driver has carried out an extensive consultation of traders in Bond Street, Tucker Street and Church Street and not one trader has supported the move.
- The Market Traders do not want to move from The Meadow car park. They feel that the current site is well run, now has 10 regular stalls and room for further expansion.
- There is not enough room for the stalls on Tucker Street
- There are no toilet facilities for the traders in the Town Centre.
- There is not enough room for emergency services or delivery vehicles.
- There would be problems for coaches accessing the Hotel de Paris.
- Moving the market for one day a week would upset the whole of the town. Parking spaces and disabled parking would be lost too. Suggest Evington Lawns would be a better site.
- It was questioned who raised the idea of moving the market without any thought.
- Ludicrous idea to move the market. Improve the signage to the current site.

Roughton Road - In respect of the closure of Roughton Road for utility works concerns were raised as follows by residents and taxi drivers:

- There was insufficient notice of the road closure. Why were residents not informed and arrangements put in place for alternative access? Elderly residents are now marooned for three months.
- Leaflets appeared two weeks after the signage was erected.
- Why not close ½ the road at a time?
- Concerns re project management by UKPN. All work for next three weeks is confined to verges so why not reopen the road?
- Will all the utility services be done at the same time or staggered over the next three years?
- Yesterday a bus and recycling vehicle drove past the road works.
- Were questions asked when UKPN put in the application for the road closure?
- Replacement public transport is one passenger car per day to replace an hourly bus service. One resident left home at 9.50am today and has stayed in town to attend this meeting.

- The footpath is overgrown so even to walk into town is difficult.
- Taxi to town centre normally costs £3.30 but now costs £8.80 due to the diversion.
- A lot of people need to use taxis but there is the risk of a fine of £1000 if a vehicle is driven up a closed road.
- The Traffic Order needs to be reviewed as a matter of urgency to allow single lane traffic.

Cabbell Park - In respect of the relocation of the surgery to Cabbell Park the following concerns were raised by the Trustees of Cabbell Park and members of the public:

- The land was donated as a War Memorial with no date for finishing and the trustees feel that it is clear that the agreements would not be revocable.
- The Trustees have all the powers of absolute owners.
- The Date of determination refers to buildings.
- The only time limit was on the Football Club.
- The Trust was never formally wound up.
- Cllr. Harris has in the past quoted that NNDC does not provide enough open space in Cromer. Where will open space be found to replace Cabbell Park?
- The land stands as a monument to the fallen of WWI and is also there for the benefit of the people of Cromer. It is understood that there is a restrictive clause on the land.
- GPs will be working 7 days a week. The current surgery needs to expand to cope with Cromer's growing population.
- The current surgery has adequate space to cope.
- There is not sufficient space for a new surgery on Mill Road. Suggest former golf practice ground.
- Two doctors surgeries are required not one.

It was stressed that it is the residents who elect the councillors to represent them and ask that members listen to the concerns raised tonight in respect of all of the above issues.

The meeting was reconvened.

5. CABELL PARK & CROMER MARKET

5.1 Cabbell Park

Tom Fitzpatrick (Leader NNDC) and Steve Blatch (Strategic Director, NNDC) provided an update in respect of Cabbell Park. It was noted that the title passed to NNDC after the end of the trust. The covenant stated that the trust be wound up and passed to the successor council. NNDC have taken legal advice of this and the heirs of Mrs Bond Cabbell are content with the proposals.

NNDC intend to sell 1 acre of the land to Cromer Group Practice. This will generate finance for a new sport facility for the town including Cromer Youth who have no facility to play in Cromer. The football pitch will be relocated at the current site to

allow CTFC to continue to play whilst a permanent site is sought as close as possible to the town. NNDC are appraising sites at the edge of town, this includes land at Norwich Road, The Avenues, Roughton Road, Felbrigg Road and Clifton Park. These will be short listed and will go out to consultation. Once a site has been secured the rest of the land will be sold for housing and the funds ring fenced for Community Sport Provision.

The proposal to lift the provision of open space will be advertised so that people have detailed information of what is proposed. As the area has been gated and fenced for years it is not felt that it is public open space. NNDC has a local plan which has identified the need for open space and some land has been secured for public access.

Cromer Group Practice is negotiating with NHS England in respect of the funding for the relocation of the surgery. The negotiations are expected to be complete by the end of 2014. It is hoped to coordinate the Cabbell Park consultation with the Surgery consultation.

To date the only objections have been from people linked to CTFC. The proposal has the support of CYFC.

It is hoped to move the pitch by next summer ready for CTFC and CYFC. A two phased scheme will be in place to establish the new land. There is a 3-5 year time frame for the selling of the site for development and the building of the new sports facility.

Members of CTC hope that the consultation is well presented with all the pros and cons listed in order that there is total clarification. People need to have clear documentation and know the dates of the consultation, the terms of reference and the timeframe of the project.

3 members of the public left the meeting.

5.2 Cromer Market

Tom Fitzpatrick (Leader, NNDC) and Steve Blatch (Strategic Director, NNDC) provided information in respect of the proposal to move Cromer Market to Tucker Street.

Mr Fitzpatrick advised that no firm decisions have been made and that this is a consultation exercise to hear people's opinions. Town centres are under challenge and NNDC would like to enhance the market. Research in North Walsham and Fakenham shows that there is more foot fall on market day which generates extra income in the towns.

The proposals will have implications for the taxi rank which would have to be relocated either permanently or just on Fridays. If relocated permanently, the extra spaces could be given to free parking spaces on non-market days.

Cllrs. Cox and Yiasimi declared an interest in this item due to their work as District Councillors.

It was **AGREED** to ask NNDC that the deadline for response to the consultation be extended by one month to allow for the Town Council and public to respond.

6. TEMPORARY TRAFFIC ORDERS

6.1 Roughton Road

Martin Dixon and Vinnie Purdy from NCC Highways provided information in respect of the road closure on Roughton Road. They advised that the main law is that of the Road and Streetworks Act which allows public utilities to maintain and install apparatus as they see fit. The Roughton Road electricity supply needs to be upgraded for the new development. UKPN approached Highways and undertook extensive consultation with them. In order to meet health and safety requirements, the law dictates that if 3.5m width of carriageway cannot be maintained, the road has to be closed. The width of Roughton Road is an average of 5m thus the road has to be closed to meet safety requirements. A practical consultation had to be undertaken with businesses and public transport and UKPN supplied all the necessary evidence of such.

It is not a legal requirement to undertake a letter drop to residents. The closures are advertised in the EDP. No objections were received and the signage boards were erected.

Martin Dixon agreed to see if a better bus service can be arranged and that the road be opened to traffic during evenings and weekends. He also agreed to check whether the notices are placed on the EDP website.

Tom Fitzpatrick, Steve Blatch and most of the public left the meeting. Two members of the public remained.

6.2 Overstrand Road

It was noted that this work is complete and the temporary traffic lights removed.

6.3 Church Street – The Gangway

Concern was raised that CTC had asked that these works be postponed until after half term but the traffic order still states half term week. Martin Dixon and Vinnie Purdy will sort this out.

7. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS** - Appendix A attached.
8. **PLANNING DECISIONS** - Appendix B attached.
9. **PRE-SUBMISSION PLANNING DOCUMENTS** - None Received
10. **PLANNING APPEALS** - None received.
11. **LICENSES** - None received
12. **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**
 - 12.1 **Development Committee:-** Nothing to report.

- 12.2 Quality of Planning Submissions:-** The Clerk read a reply from NNDC which was noted. It was **AGREED** to attend a meeting with NNDC Standards and Planning.
 - 12.2 Fearn's Field – No Dog Zone:-** A reply from NNDC is still awaited.
 - 12.4 Crematorium:-** It was **AGREED** to approve the wording of a letter of support in respect of the appeal.
- Cllr. Bartlett left the meeting.*
- 12.5 Cromer in Bloom – Links Avenue:-** It was noted that BT have acknowledged receipt of the complaint and have provided the Clerk with a case number.
 - 12.6 Other Planning Matters:—** There were none.

13. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 13.1 Cromer Bus Station:-** The Clerk read an email in respect of the redesign of the bus station. It was **AGREED** to meet with NCC on 15 October to see the new plans.

One member of the public left the meeting.

- 13.2 Cycling – Promenade:-** It was noted that Duncan Ellis will be attending the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee meeting on 11 December. It was suggested that CTC are trained in how to set up byelaws.

*It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting.*

- 13.3 Planting Verge – Fearn's Field:-** There was no update.
- 13.4 Unofficial Yellow Lines:-** A response is awaited from Highways.
- 13.5 Walkers are Welcome Signs:-** The request for signs to be placed on all the Welcome to Cromer signs has been passed to the Trails team.
- 13.6 Shrubs on Norwich Road:-** Cllr Cox will pursue this.
- 13.7 Church Street Pedestrian Crossing:-** the Clerk was instructed to contact the Highways Engineer to find out whether there is a legal time limit set for pedestrians to cross the road and between each activation of the crossing.
- 13.8 Disabled Access Across The Gangway:-** Carried forward to the next meeting.
- 13.9 Other Highway Matters**
 Bus Lane on Overstrand Road – It was noted that PC Cresswell has raised concern that drivers are using the right hand lane as they approach the traffic lights from Overstrand Road. He has reported this to David Law and the Highways Engineer. A member of the public pointed out that the wording on the road surface should state Buses only rather than Bus Lane. Martin Dixon and Vinnie Purdy will look into this.

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:- 7.00pm, 06 November 2014 (budget)

It was **AGREED** to close the meeting at 9.45pm.

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Chairman

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Date

Plans for consideration

Appendix A

CTC NO	Planning Application reference	Detail of application	Location
1	PF/14/1201 Mr P Wilson	Erection of side extension above garage <i>No objections</i>	5 Holt Road
2	LA/14/1238 Mr Hill	Erection of two storey side/rear extension <i>No objections</i>	The Watch House The Gangway
3	PF/14/1237 Mr Hill	Erection of two storey side/rear extension <i>No objections</i>	The Watch House The Gangway
4	PF/14/1296 Cromer PPF	Installation of PV solar panels <i>No objections</i>	Merchants Place 16 Church Street

(a) Permission/consent for development

NMA1/13/0247 Non material amendment request to insert balcony roof windows to second floor rear elevations to plots 28-32, remove dormer windows to rear elevation and insert balcony roof windows to plots 44 & 45, insert balcony roof windows to second floor rear elevations to plots 40-43 and 81-86 and change house types to plots 38 & 39 at 1 Burgess Close, Cromer for Norfolk Homes

PF/13/1253 Retention of three air conditioning units at Regency Fish & Chip Shop at Melbourne Hotel, New Street, Cromer for Norfolk Farm Produce Ltd

PF/14/0802 Construction of replacement roof and conversion of hotel to four residential flats at 27 Cabbell Road for Mr R Smart

PF/14/0966 Erection of detached garden room at 4 Bittern Rise for Mr & Mrs Cole

PF/14/0988 Erection of single-storey rear extension, rear dormer window and installation of external insulation to rear elevation at 26 Loudon Road for Mr Bumphrey & Miss Ransome

(b) Refusal of permission for development

None

(c) Application withdrawn

None