

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH LODGE PARK COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 8TH JANUARY, 2015 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER

Present:-

Vice-Chairman – Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Frosdick and Cllr. C. Plewman

In attendance:-

Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Friends of North Lodge Park Members:-

Carolyn Candish, Emma Dale, Rosemary Price, Barry Meadows,
Carole Ormrod and Silvia Kilshaw

Four members of the public also attended the meeting

1. MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 27TH NOVEMBER 2014

The Minutes of the meeting held on 27th November 2014, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 1st December 2014 were signed by the Vice-Chairman.

2. CO-OPTION OF REPRESENTATIVES FROM FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE

Following circulation of Members' Code of Conduct and Constitution Procedures on qualifications and disqualifications, the Declaration of Acceptance of Office forms were signed by Carolyn Candish, Emma Dale, Rosemary Price, Barry Meadows, Carole Ormrod and Silvia Kilshaw and witnessed by the Clerk.

The Clerk circulated Register of Members' Interest Forms to the co-opted members for completion. The Clerk circulated information concerning voting rights for co-opted members, the Committee Brief and a list of the dates for agenda items to be added.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T. Adams and Cllr. P. Harris both due to work commitments.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett, Carolyn Candish, Barry Meadows and Carole Ormrod in connection with any Cromer Preservation Society matters.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. J. Bond in connection with any Cromer in Bloom matters.

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. C. Plewman, Emma Dale and Sylvia Kilshaw due to their properties overlooking North Lodge Park.

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

5. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None received.

6. **TRANSFER OF PARK**

6.1 The Clerk reported that a meeting has been held with the legal advisers and there are still a couple of points to be clarified before the Heads of Terms can be agreed. It is hoped that the freehold transfer of the park will be completed in the near future.

6.2 **Boating Lake:-** The Clerk reported that a member of the public had allowed his dog to drink from the boating lake and later that day the dog became very ill. The Clerk forwarded the email received to North Norfolk District Council who confirmed that no chemicals are used in the boating lake apart from a colourant for cosmetic reasons. North Norfolk District Council stated that the boating lake is cleaned and refilled every few months in order that it does not suffer from algal blooms and confirmed that it was last cleaned in August 2014. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would request North Norfolk District Council to clean the boating lake as a matter of urgency. The matter of the safety of the boating lake will need to be discussed once the freehold transfer has been completed.

6.2 **Cromer Designated Public Places Order:-** The Clerk reported that North Lodge Park has a Designated Public Places Order. The Clerk read an email received from North Norfolk District Council stating that they would not wish to have the Order lifted but when premises have a Temporary Event Notice the order does not apply. It was **AGREED** that the North Lodge Committee would apply for a Temporary Event Notice for any future events held in North Lodge Park.

7. **NORTH LODGE PARK COMMITTEE**

7.1 **CCTV Camera:-** It was **AGREED** to recommend that this matter be placed on the Works and General Purposes Agenda for further discussion.

8. **FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK**

8.1 **Status of Friends of North Lodge Park:-** Carolyn Candish reported that there are thirty five members with a steering group of fifteen members and six members who have been co-opted to the North Lodge Committee. The AGM has been arranged for 4th March when the draft constitution will be adopted and the officers elected. It was felt that the biggest challenge faced by the Friends of North Lodge Park is credibility and convincing the public that their views will be heard.

- 8.2 **Launch of Friends of North Lodge Park:-** It was **AGREED** that the office would photocopy some posters and questionnaires in time for the AGM on 4th March.
- 8.3 **Insurance:-** The Clerk confirmed that once the freehold transfer is complete the insurance will be adjusted to include the buildings within North Lodge Park. Cromer Town Council have the maximum public liability which will cover North Lodge Park and any events taking place as well as volunteers if the events are under the umbrella of the North Lodge Park Committee.
- 8.4 **Transitional – Maintenance:-** The Friends of North Lodge Park feel that the park has an air of neglect and this needs to be addressed. The Clerk reported that North Lodge Park is not in North Norfolk District Council’s budget for the current or any future financial year and therefore minimal maintenance is being carried out. The Clerk will liaise with North Norfolk District Council to ask whether the maintenance can be improved in the interim period.
- 8.5 **Operational Framework:-** Carolyn Candish said that it is her understanding that the Friends of North Lodge Park, although cannot vote on any finance decision, are able to put forward ideas and proposals and be involved in full discussion around the proposals before a decision is made. This was confirmed by the Members of Cromer Town Council present at the meeting.

9. **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 9.1 **Community Payback:-** The Clerk confirmed that she has written to invite a representative to a Town Council meeting to inform the Members of their services but to date has not received a reply. The Clerk will chase accordingly.
- 9.2 **Community Garden:-** The Clerk read an email concerning the inclusion of a Community Garden in North Lodge Park and this matter will be placed on a future agenda once the Freehold Transfer has been completed for further discussion.

10. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 19th March 2015.

There being no other business the Vice-Chairman closed the meeting at 8.16 pm.

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Chairman

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Date