

MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 22 JANUARY 2015 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. J. Hamilton-Emery,
Cllr. P. Harris, and Cllr. A. Yiasimi.

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

In Attendance:-

Cllr. M. Saunders, Cllr. G. Smith & Cllr. B. Stibbons
EDP Reporter Alex Hurrell, 70 Members of the public

Committee Chairman Cllr. Adams welcomed everyone to the meeting and advised that the representatives from Norfolk County Council would not be attending as they felt it would be duplication of a meeting held at NNDC earlier in the week.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Lidgley (family commitment), Cllr. Nash (illness) and Cllr. Plewman (funeral).

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.

3. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Members of the public addressed council and made the following comments:

Not everyone has received the survey.
The survey is not fit for purpose.
Difficult to know which section of the questionnaire is relevant to where you live.
Call for NCC to start again and join together to work for long term solution.
Need a solution for the whole town.
For many years Central Road and St Mary's Road have great problems with parking.
Cromer needs to identify the problems and put forward its own solution.
Need to look at the small issues as well as the larger ones.
NNDC need to look at their car parks too.

Biggest problem is the workers who do not use the car parks – they need somewhere to park.

There are small underused areas which could be used by workers.

Access for emergency services is difficult due to poor parking on St. Mary's Road.

Problems on Bernard Road too – daren't take car out in the summer months as nowhere to park on return.

Marked out parking bays could be more efficient

Number of permits issued does not equal number of spaces.

Permits will not work due to multi-residence properties.

Why do workers need to travel by car? Need alternative methods of transport.

Basic problem is not enough spaces.

Good case for parking permits but need to crease out the wrinkles.

Workers could buy season tickets for car parks but this would block the car parks for visitors.

Need to encourage visitors. Park & Ride or road train from car park?

Still need another car park.

No problem with workers parking in residential streets but do have problems with visitors leaving cars all day while head to the beach.

Lift yellow lines to provide more spaces eg. in front of church.

If parking meters are installed on Runton Road where will residents of New Street park?

Need to consider town centre streets where no parking available for residents.

Parking meters will allow people to park for 2-3 hours thus less people able to use the spaces. Need 45 minute free on street parking and no meters.

Loss of parking spaces on Garden Street due to new loading bay.

Understand residents' concerns but why not allow permits for daytime parking while residents at work.

Bring in an independent specialist to analyse the parking and look for a long term solution.

Have a trial of free car parks.

Maybe part of North Lodge Park could be used for car parking.

Need to work together for residents, businesses and visitors for a long term solution.

Suggest an action group is set up led by CTC with representatives from Chamber of Trade and each area affected by parking.

Strong message to be sent to NCC that survey not fit for purpose.

The meeting was reconvened.

4. NORFOLK COUNTY COUNCIL PARKING SURVEY

Members considered all the issues raised and **AGREED** that an Action Group be set up and ideas amalgamated.

Members of the public were asked to write or email their concerns and suggestions to the Town Council and to return their questionnaires to NCC stating their concerns.

Cllr. Bartlett advised that the Parish Plan Survey had identified that the second most pressing issue in Cromer is that of traffic congestion, residents' parking and visitor parking.

5. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:-** 7.00pm, 12 February 2015

There being no further business it was **AGREED** to close the meeting.

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Chairman

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Date