

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NORTH LODGE PARK COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH MARCH, 2015 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. P. Harris, Vice-Chairman – Cllr. J. Bond,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. C. Plewman,
Carolyn Candish, Emma Dale, Robert Dale, Tony Knight,
Barry Meadows and Rosemary Price.

Julie Chance – Town Clerk.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 8TH JANUARY 2015

The Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January 2015, having been **AGREED** at Full Council on 12th January 2015, were signed by the Chairman.

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

2.1 Two new members from the Friends of North Lodge were given the necessary paperwork and asked to come into the office to sign the Declarations of Acceptance of Office Forms. The new members are Robert Dale and Tony Knight and they replace Carole Ormrod and Silvia Kilshaw.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. J. Frosdick.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Declarations of interest were received from Cllr. T. Bartlett, Carolyn Candish and Barry Meadows in connection with any Cromer Preservation Society matters. Declarations of interest were received from Emma and Robert Dale, Tony Knight and Rosemary Price. All parties live close to or in North Lodge Park.

5. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present at the meeting.

6. TRANSFER OF NORTH LODGE PARK

6.1 Cllr. Harris gave an update on the legal situation to date and reported that it is hoped that the freehold transfer will be completed before we go into Purdah. There is one small legal issue that still needs to be resolved. The Clerk will inform all parties when the freehold transfer has been completed. The Clerk reported that she has arranged for Kier to continue to maintain North Lodge Park on a monthly contract with one month's notice in order

that specifications can be put together and the tender process can be observed. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion.

- 6.2 Lighting and Railings:-** The Clerk reported that all the lighting will be inspected before the transfer of the park has been completed and any defects found will be reported to North Norfolk District Council with a request for repair.

The Clerk reported that the railings beside the boating lake have been reported to North Norfolk District Council for repair.

- 6.3 Rules and Regulations:-** Cllr. Harris asked all present to give some thought to the future use of North Lodge Park in order that some rules and regulations can be formulated once the freehold transfer is completed. All present felt that the notices depicting the use of the park should be softened so that it does not appear that the public are being told they cannot do anything in the park. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would enquire with North Norfolk District Council if they have a set of rules and regulations and if so, whether we can have a copy. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion. The Clerk will also try and obtain rules and regulations for other parks.

- 6.4 Vehicle Movement:-** Following lengthy discussion it was **AGREED** that car parking and vehicle movements will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. It was noted that there is a commitment to fourteen vehicles which are tied up in leases for North Lodge and the Playgroup. The Clerk read a letter received expressing concern over the number of vehicles using North Lodge Park. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would reply to the member of public and let them know that this matter is being discussed and the committee are hoping to find a solution to the problem.

- 6.5 Noticeboard:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would purchase a noticeboard for North Lodge Park to be shared with Cromer Town Council and The Friends of North Lodge Park. The budget has been set at £800. This matter will be placed on the next agenda for further discussion concerning the siting of the new noticeboard.

7. FRIENDS OF NORTH LODGE PARK

- 7.1 Reports:-** Attached.

- 7.2 Printing Costs:-** It was **AGREED** that Cromer Town Council will support The Friends of North Lodge Park by carrying out any printing within the office.

- 7.3 Management of the Park – Interim Period:-** This matter is covered by item 6.1 above. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would provide a copy of the Business Plan agreed by Cromer Town Council for the next meeting. The Friends would like to hold a fundraising event in the immediate future and a May Day with a Maypole was suggested. It is hoped that the café can be used for such an event.

- 7.4 Events in North Lodge Park:-** It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

7.5 Café:- It was **AGREED** that this matter will be placed on the next agenda for discussion. It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Harris and the Clerk would meet with two representatives from the Friends to discuss a draft specification for the use of the café to be discussed at the next meeting.

8. CORRESPONDENCE

8.1 Community Payback:- The Clerk reported that she has written to request that a representative attend a meeting but to date has not received a reply. The Clerk will chase accordingly.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 30th April 2015.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.50 pm.

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Chairman

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Date