

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 18 JANUARY 2016**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. J. Frostdick, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. C. Plewman, Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. G. Smith, Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance MILCM (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner MILCM (Deputy Town Clerk)
PCSO A. Holmes

Guest speaker Dale Meacham Roberts (EEAS)

EDP Reporter Miles Jermy
3 members of the public

It was **AGREED** that the order of the agenda be rearranged.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Russell – East of England Ambulance Service

Cllrs. Adams & Plewman – Skatepark

Cllr. Plewman - NNCT

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

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were accepted from Cllrs. Bartlett (illness), Hamilton-Emery (work) and Nolan (holiday). It was noted that Cllr. Conisbee will be late arriving due to another meeting. Apologies were noted from County Cllr. Cox and Cromer Academy Head Teacher Dr. Baker.

3. POLICE

3.1 Report from PCSO

The police report was circulated to members (refer attached).

4. GUEST SPEAKERS

4.1 Steven Hart (North Norfolk Community Transport)

Mr Hart was not present.

4.2 Dale Meacham Roberts (East of England Ambulance Service)

Mr Meacham Roberts gave a presentation in respect the EEAS and provided an update on the role and responsibilities of their work with the CCGs. It was noted that more student paramedics are being recruited and it is hoped to provide clinical assessments closer to home. He confirmed that the poor mobile phone signal does have an effect on access to patient records and that the NDR will speed up travelling across Norfolk and help cut the risk to patients, staff and other road users. Members were pleased to note that there

will be another open day at the Ambulance Station later this year. It was pointed out that Mr Meacham Roberts is also a serviceman who has worked abroad during many conflicts. Mr Meacham Roberts was thanked for all his hard work and left the meeting.

5. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETINGS HELD ON 07 DECEMBER 2015 & 18 DECEMBER 2015**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 07 December 2015 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 December 2015 be **APPROVED** except for minute item 8 which will be considered under exclusion at the end of the meeting.

6. **CASUAL VACANCIES**

The Clerk read out the resignation letter from Cllr. Bond and it was noted that the legal process is underway and the notice of election has been issued by NNDC. It was requested that a vote of thanks be recorded for all the hard work carried out by Cllr. Bond. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write a letter of thanks. Members were pleased that Jim will still be helping with the Christmas and Firework events.

It was noted that the co-option process is underway for the vacancy which arose by the resignation of Cllr. Rattle. Cllr. Pritchard raised concern that one applicant had submitted a CV and further information which had been circulated to members. He felt that whilst there was no intention of malice, this could give the candidate an unfair advantage. It was noted that the Clerk had since invited the other candidates to submit further information. Other members stated that there are no set guidelines and felt that the Clerk had done nothing wrong by circulating the information. It was suggested that the Town Council should consider adopting a set process for co-options.

Cllr. Pritchard advised that he wished to make a proposal and asked for a recorded vote. It was **proposed** that the current process of co-opting a member for the first vacancy be abandoned in the interests of democracy and ensuring that no candidate has an unfair advantage.

Members voted as follows:

In favour of resolution: Cllr. Pritchard and Cllr. Harris

Against resolution: Cllrs. Adams, Frosdick, Leeds, Plewman, Russell, Smith, Stibbons & Yiasimi.

The proposal fell and the co-option will progress.

7. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL**

7.1 **District Councillor Yiasimi**

Cllr. Yiasimi provided an update in respect of the sea defence works and advised that he hopes to have an update in respect of tourism for the next meeting. Members raised concern that some repair works (eg. replacement of the copper in the compass) have not been included in the budget for the promenade works.

7.2 **County & District Councillor Cox**

The Mayor read out a written note from Cllr. Cox (refer attached)

Advertising Boards - Cllr. Harris voiced concern that there are now numerous advertising boards along the A11 which he feels are a distraction to drivers. He will write to Shelagh Gurney to raise his concerns. Members pointed out that Cromer Town Council put up boards to advertise community events so have to be very careful with the assumption that these are a distraction.

Cllr. Conisbee arrived at the meeting.

Devolution – It was **AGREED** that the Clerk arrange a presentation.

8. **YOUTH**

8.1 **Cromer Academy**

There was no report.

8.2 **Skatepark**

It was noted that an appeal for new committee members has been promoted by the North Norfolk News. Reporter Miles Jermy was thanked for his help. It was noted that Maverick have been contacted in respect of the cracks in the surface of the concrete.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

On street parking in town centre – In order to maximise the spaces please could individual parking bays be marked out. The Mayor will talk to the Highways Engineer to see if this is possible but stressed that it is probably not as simple as it sounds.

Garage roof on Howards Hill – One roof was damaged in the high winds last week and needs urgent attention. The Mayor advised that this will be pursued via NNDC Environmental Health.

10. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 10 December 2015 & 07 January 2016**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meetings held on 10 December 2015 and 07 January 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Planning Application PF/15/1553 - Cllr. Adams raised concern that the decision re the old zoo site has been delegated to officers and is not going to the Development Control Committee.

11. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions & Development Committee held on 12 January 2016**

Cllr. Frostdick presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 January 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Thanks were given to all involved with the Christmas and New Year events.

12. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held on 05 January 2016**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 05 January 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

13. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 08 December 2015**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meetings held on 08 December 2015 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

14. **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

14.1 **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor gave a brief verbal report including attendance at the VEO Senior Citizens Party, the New Year's Day Fireworks and the Crab and Lobster Festival Presentation Evening.

14.2 **Deputy Mayor's Report** – There was no report

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

NNCCG – Cllr. Russell advised that he is pursuing answers to 5 of the questions raised and has further questions regarding the handling of mental health issues.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

16.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

Norfolk ALC	Newsletter Referendum Principles
NCC	Chairman's Christmas message Warm & Well newsletter
Crab & Lobster	Invitation to presentation evening
Civic Service	Thank you letters
Inspiration Trust	Inspire magazine

COAST	Review of Coast 2015
CQC	Consultation on strategy for 2016-21
Bittern Line	Meeting 10.30am, Tues 19 January 2016
Rural Svs Network	Newsletter
Parish Online	Newsletter

16.2 Correspondence received sine 12 January 2016

NCC	Email for introduction from Chairman's PA
NCC Highways	Use of former play area in NLP for compound during works to The Gangway
Holt Town Council	Monthly newsletter
CPPS	Agenda

All of the correspondence was noted and no action taken unless stated otherwise.

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm, 29 February 2016

~~It was **AGREED** to suspend standing orders to continue the meeting as it was past 9pm.~~

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

The PCSO and members of press and public left the meeting.

19. **Minute item 8 of Town Council meeting held on 18 December 2016**

It was noted that the draft minute had been reworded prior to receipt of a letter of complaint. A complaint form has been sent to the complainant. It was **AGREED** that there should be no discussion of any correspondence received as it could prejudice the setting up of a complaints panel.

It was **AGREED** to accept the redrafted wording of the minutes and make no further amendments.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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Signed

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Dated

Cromer Town Council Meeting

7th December 2015 - 17th January 2016

Reference	Crime Category	Date Reported	Summary
CROMER TOWN			
Theft if not classified elsewhere			
36/21676/15		15/12/2015	
36/24170/15		29/12/2015	
36/12164/16		13/01/2016	
Theft from Shops and Stalls.			
36/20356/15		09/12/2015	
Common Assault			
36/20223/15		08/12/2015	
36/11496/16		08/01/2016	
Assault Occassioning ABH			
36/20902/15		12/12/2015	
36/10342/16		03/01/2016	
36/10420/16		03/01/2016	
36/11703/16		10/01/2016	
Possession Of Drugs			
36/23304/15		13/12/2015	
36/11813/16		10/01/2016	
Criminal Damage to Motor Vehicle			
36/22574/15		20/12/2015	
Criminal Damage to a Building			
36/22828/15		21/12/2015	
Other Criminal Damage			
36/22288/15		18/12/2015	
Making of Without Payment			
36/20569/15		09/12/2015	
Causing Intentional Harrassment, Alarm or Distress			
36/20665/15		08/12/2015	
36/10631/16		04/01/2016	
Sexual Offence			
36/24069/15		24/12/2015	

19 Crimes in 42 Days = 0.45Crimes Per Day.

9 Non Crime Domestic Incident Reports During this Period

SUFFIELD PARK

Malicious Communications

36/20659/15 10/12/2015

Causing Intentional Harrassment, Alarm or Distress

36/20723/15 10/12/2015

36/11385/16 08/01/2016

36/11395/16 08/01/2016

Common Assault

36/22310/15 19/12/2015

36/10674/16 01/01/2016

36/11944/15 27/12/2015

36/12043/16 12/01/2016

Theft if not classified elsewhere

36/22334/15 19/12/2015

36/12182/16 12/01/2016

Criminal Damage to a Dwelling

36/22997/15 20/12/2015

36/23796/15 26/12/2015

Criminal Damage to a Vehicle

36/23916/15 28/12/2015

36/10190/16 01/01/2016

36/11987/16 12/01/2016

Possession of Class B Drug

36/23495/15 24/12/2015

Breach of a Criminal Behaviour Order

36/10180/16 01/01/2016

17 Crimes in 42 Days = 0.4 Crimes Per Day

5 Non Crime Domestic Incident Reports During this Period

OVERALL TOTAL

36 Crimes in 42 Days = 0.85 Crimes Per Day

14 Non Crime Domestic Incident Reports During this Period

CROMER POLICING PRIORITIES

Speeding In Cromer Area

High Visibility Patrols in Cromer, Beauty Spots and Car parks in Surrounding Parishes

NEXT SNAP MEETING - MONDAY 18TH APRIL AT 6.30PM AT NORTH LODGE PARK

Work starts today in Norwich city centre & over the next 3 months, closures on Rowen Road & lanes closed on Gordon Ball St to make it 2 way. Later in the year to remove general traffic from Westlegate, All Saints Green & Red Lion St.

1st phase Rowen Rd / Cattle Mkt / Fairway Ave & Gordon Ball St will take approx 12 weeks.

You are obviously aware of the road closures to the gangway & the top of Norwich Road.

Free HIV home testing kits available
www.norfolk.gov.uk/NEWS/NCC170775

Devolution, Norfolk Suffolk
NaS CC have booked sessions led by LGIU for the opportunity to discuss the concept of devolution, hear more about the national situation. I have booked my slot Jan 26th in Norwich & will update following this event.

Advertising boards have ~~been~~ been removed, but will continue to monitor

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Shared Services - currently interim

From Jan C.E.O. NNDC generally will be working from NNDC on Mondays, Wed, Great Yarmouth Tuesdays, Thurs, Fridays will be divided between the 2 on an ad hoc basis - though throughout there will be flexibility & communication by email regardless of locality. Also looking to video conferencing to reduce time travel

Get fit & active - Walking football in Mundesley Herring, Wosted

Seated exercises: Tai Chi in North Walsham
Yoga in Herring