

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 11 APRIL 2016

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. D. Conisbee, Cllr. J. Frosdick, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. J. Hamilton–Emery, Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. Y. Nolan (to item 11 incl), Cllr. C. Plewman (from item 6), Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. C. Robb, Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. G. Smith (to item 11 incl), Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance MILCM (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner MILCM (Deputy Town Clerk)
District Cllrs. Lee & Pearce (to item 9 incl)
PC Cresswell (to item 8 incl)
EDP Reporter Ally McGilvray (to item 9 incl)
Dr Baker, Bailey & Nicole from Cromer Academy (to item 5 incl)
6 members of the public

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

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 29 FEBRUARY 2016**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 29 February 2016 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST & REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Russell – NHS matters

Cllr. Harris – Community Centre

Cllr. Hamilton Emery - Skatepark

Cllrs. Adams– Skatepark

All members who are patients at Cromer Surgery declared a personal interest in matters relating to Cabbell Park.

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr Bartlett due to illness and noted from County & District Cllr. Cox.

4. **POLICE**

4.1 **Report from Police**

P.C. Cresswell presented the police report and answered questions from members.

5. **YOUTH**

Dr Baker thanked members for their support in respect of the swimming pool and the traffic control measures and advised that following the Cromer Honour Awarded to caretaker Les Sadler, the Academy had a day of celebrations.

Head boy Bailey provided an update in respect of changes at the Academy, student attendance at anti-bullying awareness courses and the introduction of stress release sessions for year 11 students as they start their exams. Head girl Nicole reported on the installation of new computer systems, new outside seating, and the refurbishment of classrooms and the canteen. Dr Baker advised that they are working with NNDC who take over the running of the Sports Centre from 6pm.

*Cllr. Plewman arrived at the meeting.
Dr Baker and students left the meeting*

6. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL**

6.1 **County Cllr. Cox**

It was noted that a written report will be circulated to members. The Clerk was instructed to contact Cllr. Cox to ask when the railway bridge on Norwich Road, Northrepps will be resurfaced and when the potholes at the junction of Norwich Road and Overstrand Road will be repaired.

6.2 **District Cllr. Lee, Pearce & Yiasimi**

Devolution – The District Councillors were asked for the opinion on yet another level of bureaucracy. Cllr. Lee advised that his personal opinion is that it is not necessary.

Councillor allowances – As Cllr. Cox had been asked at the last meeting for the reasons behind her decision to vote in favour of the increased allowances, Cllr. Lee and Cllr. Pearce were asked the same question. Cllr. Lee advised that he was not at the meeting and did not vote but had he been there he would have voted in favour. The allowance helps to pay for staff cover for his business whilst he is working on council business. Cllr. Pearce advised that he had thought long and hard about it but it is the first increase in 12 years and he believes that district councilors earn their allowances.

The Promenade – Concern was raised at the condition of the resurfacing of the promenade. Cllr. Yiasimi advised that he has spoken to Cllr. Fitch Tillett who advised that the works are not yet complete.

East Cliff Lighting Displays – Concern has been received that the lighting is too bright and also that there has been damage to the surface of the cliff top path.

Community Dog Wardens – Cllr. Lee will check to see whether there has been any progress in recruiting community dog wardens.

Graffiti – Cllr. Yiasimi was asked to check when the graffiti near the Doctor's Steps will be removed.

7. **GUEST SPEAKER**

It was noted that Mark Taylor (NNCCG) will be attending on 18 July 2016.

8. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Play parks – A resident raised concern at the state of the parks and play areas and questioned how they were allowed to get into such a dangerous state. He would like NNDC to now put in the effort to make up for the loss of amenities. It was noted that NNDC have provided litter pickers and £250 towards the cost of painting the posts at The Meadow.

Fish & Chip Wrappers – A resident asked whether CTC could write to No 1 restaurant to request that to help reduce the amount of litter they use trays instead of the cardboard boxes. The resident will contact NNDC.

Land at old zoo site – A resident raised concern in respect of the proposed development and if granted, the implications on the other properties on the site.

Cabbell Park – A representative of CTFC thanked everyone who attended the public meeting.

PC Cresswell left the meeting.

9. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 03 March 2016 & 31 March 2016**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meetings held on 03 March 2016 & 31 March 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Minute item 17.1 Parks & Play Equipment – The Mayor thanked everyone who had attended the inspection of the play sites and advised that a report will be circulated.

It was **AGREED** to permit District Cllr. Lee to speak.

Cllr. Lee advised that NNDC are legally bound to inspect the play parks which is why some works are being carried out at Fearn's Field. He also advised that £10,000 has been spent there in the last couple of years. He asked that a copy of the report is forwarded to him.

Cllr. Lee was asked to find out when the woods near Brownhill which now belong to NNDC will be open to the public.

It was **AGREED** to arrange to meet with the portfolio holder at NNDC and suggested that the youth fund be utilised alongside grant funding.

Minute item 10.7 Litter bins – A request was made that the overflowing litter bins on the cliff tops need to be addressed by NNDC.

9.2 **Cabbell Park**

A lengthy discussion took place in respect of Cabbell Park and members **AGREED** that the Clerk write to NNDC with the following proposals:

Note: The interpretation of 'Cromer Town Football Club' below represents all the teams which play at Cabbell Park.

1. Cromer Town Council reiterates its support for a replacement doctors' surgery needed by the town and wider community.
2. Cromer Town Council supports the position of Cromer Town Football Club.
3. Cromer Town Council recognises the need to conserve, protect and improve public open space, sports and playing pitch facilities in the town.
4. Cromer Town Council recognises the importance of Cromer Town Football Club to Cromer's heritage and culture and the importance sport has to the future of Cromer's community.
5. The need and ability of Cromer Town Football Club to raise funds should be recognised by North Norfolk District Council.

- i) We ask that North Norfolk District Council urgently recognise Cromer Town Football Club's need to hold events, sales and car boot sales at the retained Cabbell Park grounds in order to raise revenue. Cromer Town Council wishes to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that they will allow the Football Club to do this.
 - ii) We ask that NNDC urgently recognise Cromer Town Football Club's need for the provision of club house facilities on the retained Cabbell Park site to raise revenue for the club. NNDC's proposal of sharing club house facilities with the Tennis Club is unacceptable for the purposes of raising revenue for the football club. Cromer Town Council wishes to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that they will allow for a provision of this nature on the retained Cabbell Park grounds until such time North Norfolk District Council provide an alternative site.
 - iii) Cromer Town Council wishes to see NNDC provide for this provision out of their own budget.
6. Cromer Town Council wish to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that Cromer Town Football Club will be able to meet current ground needs specified under the Football Associations National Ground Grading relevant to their current league, the Anglian Combination, at the retained Cabbell Park site. Any deviation from this could result in relegation from their current league and damage to the club.
Cromer Town Council wishes to see a written commitment by North Norfolk District Council that Cromer Town Football Club will not be hindered in any way from complying with all Football Association rules, including those around match fixture times.
7. **Ground Facilities:-**
 - i) Cromer Town Council is extremely concerned at North Norfolk District Council's proposals for Cromer Town Football Club to share changing room facilities with Cromer Academy. Cromer Town Council wishes to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that they will provide these facilities for the retained Cabbell Park site.
 - ii) Cromer Town Council is concerned to hear that no toilet facilities will be provided to Cromer Town Football Club. Cromer Town Council wish to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that they will provide these facilities, needed for the future of the Football Club, at North Norfolk District Council's expense.
 - iii) Cromer Town Council wishes to see a written commitment from North Norfolk District Council that adequate storage provision will be provided for Cromer Town Football Club.
8. Cromer Town Council requires full clarity from North Norfolk District Council in relation to the acquisition of Cabbell Park from the Football Club Trustees and requires copies of all documents/communications held by North Norfolk District Council on this matter.
9. Cromer Town Council again reiterates "All activities need to be carried out with the utmost sensitivity given the current centenary period of the "First World War", given Cabbell Park is a war memorial.

10. Cromer Town Council notes North Norfolk District Council's position that they believe the lifting of the open space restrictions as detailed in the 1992 trust deed were properly advertised.
 - i) Cromer Town Council wish to see open space restrictions in the spirit of those lifted placed upon the retained Cabbell Park site.
 - ii) Cromer Town Council wish to see written confirmation that Cromer Town Football Club will be given the right to use the retained Cabbell Park site.
11. Cromer Town Council wish to see the floodlighting retained and repositioned as required by North Norfolk District Council as originally committed.
12. Cromer Town Council remain committed to youth football in Cromer.
13. Cromer Town Council would like a commitment from North Norfolk District Council that the existing pitch remains in place until an alternative pitch is provided by North Norfolk District Council.
14. Cromer Town Council requires an answer to the above from North Norfolk District Council within 20 calendar days, given the uncertainties for the future of the Football Club.
15. Cromer Town Council calls upon the community of Cromer to stand alongside Cromer Town Football Club.
16. Cromer Town Council will nominate Cabbell Park as an Asset of Community Value.

District Cllr. Lee advised that he had attended the meeting in the hopes of working together but feels that there are too many demands on NNDC. There is a need to provide a facility for youth football and many other towns provide out of town facilities for football.

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

Cllr. Harris, Cllr. Lee, Cllr. Pearce, the press reporter and one member of the public left the meeting.

10. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Development Committee held on 01 March 2016**

Cllr. Frosdick presented the minutes of the meeting held on 01 March 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

11. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Policy & Resources Committee held 05 April 2016**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16 February 2016 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Item 5.16 Steps to Safety – The Mayor provided an update. It was **AGREED** that the request for funding be declined.

Cllr. Nolan, Cllr. Smith and 2 members of the public left the meeting

12. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 29 March 2016**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held 29 March 2016 and which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

13. **MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

13.1 **Mayor's Report** – The Mayor reported on his attendance at the Annual Town Meeting, the Sports Relief Mile, Friends of North Lodge Park AGM and the Circus at Beeston Regis.

Thanks were given to the Mayor for his hard work over recent weeks and also for the help he has given Nigel Barratt.

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

NNCCG – Cllr. Russell circulated information to members. He will work with the Mayor to produce a response to forward to NNCCG.

It was noted that there will be an open day at Cromer Ambulance Station on 03 July.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE**

15.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

Norfolk ALC	Weekly update Planning Changes Consultation Broadband Consultation
NCC	Warm & Well Newsletter
NNDC	Coastal Defence Scheme Local Liaison Group Cromer Coastal Protection Scheme – Resurfacing of promenade
AONB	Community Representatives AONB Community Fund
Bittern Line	Minutes of meeting
British Legion	Street Collection

Wisbech TC 'Beat the Indoor Bowls Mayor'

15.2 **Correspondence received since 04 April 2016**

Anglian Water Pollution prevention

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

16. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm 23 May 2016

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9:28pm

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Signed

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Dated