

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 07 DECEMBER 2017 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE, CROMER

Present:-

Chairman – Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. P. Harris (from item 5), Cllr. R. Leeds and Cllr. B. Stibbons.

Julie Chance PSLCC – Town Clerk.
Janet Warner PSLCC – Deputy Clerk

Mr Chris Wray (Anglian Water) & Mr Mark Ogden (NCC)
1 member of the public

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 09 NOVEMBER 2017

The Minutes of the meeting held on 09 November 2017, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 27 November 2017, were signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS AND REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were accepted from Cllr. Bossingham, Cllr. Nolan (illness) and Cllr. Plewman (illness).

It was noted that Cllr. Davis has resigned from the committee due to family commitments.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The member of the public did not wish to address the meeting.

5. FLOODING ISSUES

Mr Chris Wray (Anglian Water) and Mr Mark Ogden (NCC) were welcomed to the meeting. Cllr. Adams explained the issues faced in Cromer during the exceptional rainfall on 08 August.

Mr Wray advised that Anglian Water investigated at the time and whilst they did find a lot of rag, there was no evidence of asset failure. It was assumed that the extreme rainfall exceeded the capacity which the system was built for. There are no plans for any changes.

Mr Ogden provided a report (refer attached) and asked that anyone affected by the flooding in August who have not reported it please get in touch. He also asked for any photos or videos. The current investigations will result in a list of recommendations and a report will be issued in due course.

Mr Wray and Mr Ogden responded to questions from members:

- Much of the culvert which runs along Cromwell Road / Overstrand Road is in private ownership.
- A reed bed filtration system filters the water which flows on to the beach. The water is crystal clear.
- New builds should not increase the natural flow of surface water and must meet planning policy. Filtration and soakaways are necessary and should be incorporated within the design as part of the planning process. Anglian Water are not consultees but can ask for measures to be implemented to avoid flood risk.
- 95% of household floods are caused by unflushables, fatbergs etc.
- Gulley pots are cleaned out by Highways on an annual basis. Reactive work is also carried out when required.
- A lot of money has been spend investigating 'The Hum' which has been heard in Shipden Avenue but no link could be found to any Anglian Water asset. It was noted that the noise is heard mostly between 8.30pm and midnight usually after heavy rain.

It was requested that once the sewer relining project is complete, thanks are given to the team concerned.

Mr Wray and Mr Ogden left the meeting.

The member of the public briefly left the meeting.

6. PRE-SUBMISSION PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was **AGREED** to invite representatives from Novus Homes to the January Planning meeting in order that they can present updated information in respect of the Roughton Road development.

7. PLANNING APPLICATIONS:- Appendix A attached.

8. PLANNING DECISIONS

Concern was raised that no planning decisions have been received from NNDC. The Clerk was instructed to contact the Head of Planning to ask why these are no longer issued.

9. OTHER PLANNING MATTERS

9.1 Licensing:- Cllr. Harris raised concern that CTC are not notified of licensing applications. It was stressed that members need to keep an eye out for any applications.

10. TRAFFIC ORDERS

10.1 The Clerk circulated several traffic orders which were noted.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

- 11.1 **Parish Partnership Schemes – Dropped Kerbs:-** It was noted that Mr. Bond is progressing this.
- 11.2 **Tree on Norwich Road:-** It was noted that further correspondence has been received from a resident. It was **AGREED** to stand by the previous decision to not support the removal of the tree.
- 11.3 **Speeding and Parking – Norwich Road:-** Cllr. Bartlett will produce a 2D image of people which could be used as a speeding deterrent. NCC are dealing re the parking issues.
- 11.4 **Pedestrian Safety Barrier:-** It was noted that Cllr. Adams has arranged for a barrier to be installed to prevent youngsters running on to the road at the exit of the footpath from Brownhill.
- 11.5 **Reversal of Traffic on New Street / High Street:-** Cllr. Adams advised that it would be very difficult to reverse the flow should an incident arise on Hamilton Road/Church Street. It could be possible for a longer term road closure event.
- 11.6 **Footpath entrance to Church:-** It was noted that the works are complete.
- 11.7 **Felbrigg Parish Council:-** Cllr Adams advised that Felbrigg Parish Council will be writing to CTC to request financial support for a change to the speed limit and the purchase of a Vehicle Activated Sign.
- 11.8 **Felbrigg Roundabout:-** It was noted that there have been 4 minor accidents near the roundabout on Holt Road and that two vehicles have caused damage to the roundabout.

12. FOOTPATHS & PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY

- 12.1 **Footpath near entrance to Cadogan Road Car Park:-** Two members reported falls due to the raised kerb at the entrance to the car park where the lighting is poor. Cllr. Adams advised that this pavement is to be resurfaced so he will ask for the specification and ensure that the surface is levelled out. Cllr. Harris suggested that members go out at night and identify dark spots which need better lighting.

13. TRANSPORTATION

There were no transportation matters to report.

14. CORRESPONDENCE AND OTHER MATTERS

- 14.1 **Electric Charging Points:-** The Clerk advised that new legislation will mean that fuel providers will have to provide charging points. The task and finish group will continue to work on this with a view to progressing individual applications for grant funding.

14.2 Updates from Cllr. Adams:

14.2.1 Parking Outside QD:- A response from NNDC was read out advising that there were no conditions attached to planning approval in respect of parking outside the store and that on street parking is illegal and should be enforced by NCC/Police.

It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to contact the parking enforcement team at Kings Lynn.

It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write to NNDC advising that it is CTC's understanding that no parking is permitted on the site. Members feel that there is clearly a planning contravention by those parking on the forecourt, the pavement and the road.

14.2.2 Graffiti on Signs:- Cllr. Adams advised that he has received permission to remove some of the graffiti.

14.2.3 Colne Road Waiting Restrictions:- Cllr. Adams advised that following the installation of double yellow lines on Colne Road, vehicles are now parking and blocking the access to Richmond Court Gardens and the bin stores. NCC are working to resolve this.

14.2.4 Newhaven Close:- It was noted that the issue of cars being parked too close to the junction is being referred to NCC Highways.

14.2.5 Sewer Relining:- it was noted that works are on-going.

14.2.6 Pavement repairs:- It was noted that works at A148 and The Croft are complete.

14.2.7 Church Street manhole damage:- It was noted that the edges around the sprung cover are eroding. Repairs works are to be carried out shortly.

14.2.8 Church Street Bus Stop:- It was noted that coaches are within their rights to park on double yellow lines to load and unload. Thus, it was not felt that any action could be taken against them using the bus stop.

14.3 Maintenance of building on Hamilton Road:- An email from a resident was read out raising concern in respect of the maintenance of a building on Hamilton Road. Cllr. Leeds advised that works are likely to be progressed. Cllr. Adams advised that he is not aware of this being on the NNDC list of buildings being considered for enforcement action.

*It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders to continue the meeting beyond 9pm.*

14.4 Air Pollution:- Members were in receipt of an email detailing public health and air pollution statistics for Cromer. It was interesting to learn that the sea air considerably breaks down air pollution. It was stressed that CTC need to continue to monitor air pollution.

14.5 Grounds Maintenance Provision:-

Cllr Harris declared an interest in this item re Cabbell Park.

The Clerk advised that the forum would be looking at clustering with other parishes for various issues and are to meet with NNDC in the new year.

It was **AGREED** that CTC should express an interest in taking on grounds maintenance of NNDC assets but make no commitment at present. It was **AGREED** that Cllrs. Adams, Harris and the Clerk will arrange to meet Scott Martin to discuss this further.

15. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 04 January 2018 at 7.00 pm.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.15 pm.

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Chairman

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Date