

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 13 APRIL 2015**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. A. Nash, Deputy Mayor Cllr. T. Adams,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Bond, Cllr. H. Cox, Cllr. J. Frosdick, Cllr. J. Hamilton-Emery,
Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. M. Saunders, Cllr. G. Smith,
Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner (Deputy Town Clerk)
P.C.S.O. Holmes
N N News reporter Sabah Meddings
3 members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 23 FEBRUARY 2015**

It was unanimously **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 23 February 2015 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Bartlett – Cromer Preservation Society

Cllr. Yiasimi – Prejudicial interest re basement flat

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were considered and accepted from Cllr. Plewman due to illness, Cllr. Lidgley due to ante-natal class and Cllr. Harris due to work commitments. Apologies were noted from Police representative Leigh Jenkins.

*It was **AGREED** that agenda item 19 will be brought forward to be taken in public session after item 16.*

4. **POLICE**

4.1 **PCSO 50/50 Partnership Scheme**

In the absence of Mr. Jenkins, the Clerk reported on a presentation given at a pan-parish meeting held at Trunch. It was noted that the cost to the Town Council of funding a ring-fenced PCSO for Cromer would be £17,500. There would be no recruiting of additional PCSOs, they would be moved from elsewhere. It was unanimously **AGREED** to not support this project. It was felt that it is easier for the police to fight for resources that it is for Town and Parish Councils.

4.2 **Report from PCSO**

PCSO Holmes presented the police report (refer attached). It was noted that during the year 2013/2014 there were 327 crimes recorded compared to 399 for the year 2014/2015. It was stressed that the way of recording crime has changed which has had an impact on the figures.

5. **YOUTH**

5.1 **Cromer Academy Student Council**

There was no update.

5.2 **Other Youth Matters**

There were no other youth matters.

6. **COUNTY & DISTRICT COUNCIL**

6.1 Questions & updates were received as follows:

Cabbell Park – Questions were raised in relation to the current consultation and whether it includes the breach of covenant and under what auspices of the planning policy the covenant is revoked. Concern was also raised that the consultation has not been broadly advertised to the public. Cllr. Cox will pursue this and obtain clarification.

7. It was **resolved** that the meeting be closed for public participation.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A148 Steps to Safety – A letter was read out in respect of the Cromer Sign. A copy will be forwarded to the office for consideration at the next meeting of the Planning, Transportation & Environment Committee.

*PCSO Holmes left the meeting.
The meeting was reconvened.*

8. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

8.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 12 March 2015**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12 March 2015 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

9. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions & Development Committee held on 03 March 2015**

Cllr. Hamilton-Emery presented the minutes of the meeting held on 03 March 2015 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

10. **STRATEGY & FINANCE COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Strategy & Finance Committee held on 24 March 2015**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24 March 2015, which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Minute item 7.1 SLCC Roadshow – It was questioned whether it was necessary for both Officers to attend training events and concern raised that the office is occasionally closed to the public. The Clerk explained the necessity of training for Officers and Councillors and reminded members that the Town Council has a training policy and a training budget. It is essential that the Officers keep up to date.

Minute Item 5.5 Cheque Signatories – It was felt that there should be 3 members who are not cheque signatories. It was **AGREED** to refer this back to committee.

10.2 **Committee Name & Structure**

It was noted that a suggestion had been made to change the name and structure of this committee. This will be carried forward to the next meeting of the Town Council.

11. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 24 February 2015**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24 February 2015 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

11.2 **Restoration of War Memorial**

Minutes of the working group were circulated for approval. It was **AGREED** to pay the balance costs of £30.50 for the purchase of a tent/gazebo for use at community events.

12. **NORTH LODGE PARK COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meetings of the North Lodge Park Committee held on 19 March 2015 and 10 April 2015**

Cllr. Bond presented the minutes of the meetings held on 19 March 2015 and 10 April 2015 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**. It was noted that the committee is to meet on 22 April to further the tender documents for the café and the maintenance of the park.

13. **OTHER ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION**

13.1 **Community Sports Proposal**

Concern was raised that to date only 21 people have responded to the consultation. Following discussion it was **AGREED** to support the Overstrand Road Site.

13.2 Special Meeting for new members

It was **AGREED** that following the election, a special meeting will be held to brief the new members on current projects. It was also **AGREED** to arrange a full council training session for all members.

13.3 Attendance of guest speakers at future meetings

It was noted that arrangements have been made as follows:

22 June 2015 – Judith Bell, Operations Manager, Norfolk CAB

06 July 2015 – James Begley. Community First Responder re defibrillators

13.4 Youth Hub

It was **AGREED** to invite a representative to a future meeting.

14. MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR

14.1 Mayor's Report - The Mayor advised that due to illness he had no report to make.

14.2 Deputy Mayor's Report – The Deputy Mayor advised that he had deputised for the Mayor at the Skatepark Ball, the Twinning Association AGM, Sheringham Civic Service and at the Annual Town Meeting. The Deputy Mayor proposed a vote of thanks for Mayor Tony Nash and retiring members Cllr. Cox, Cllr. Lidgley and Cllr. Saunders.

15. REPORTS FROM MEMBERS ON OTHER COMMITTEES

WW1 Commemorations – Cllr. Pritchard provided an update from a meeting held at NNDC to discuss commemorations to 2018. It was noted that Cromer Town Council are already working with the Royal British Legion and Cromer Church to commemorate the centenary of the end of WW1 with the rededication of the War Memorial and a concert on 10 November 2018.

16. CORRESPONDENCE

16.1 Correspondence as detailed below

The correspondence listed was noted or action agreed as detailed.

Norfolk ALC Weekly updates

NNDC Litter Bin provision

CPRE Light Pollution Survey & Conference (10/06/15)

Broadband Update from Better Broadband for Norfolk

NNDC Big Society

Norfolk RCC Newsletter

NCC **Single Issue Review of Silica Sand**

NNDC **Election update**

Bittern Line **Agenda for AGM**

17. **NORTH LODGE BASEMENT FLAT**

The Clerk provided advice which had been received from the solicitors following the leak in the press. It was suggested that delegated authority be given to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk.

18. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm, 05 May 2015 (special meeting)

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

The press and public and Cllr. Yiasimi left the meeting

20. **NORTH LODGE BASEMENT FLAT**

Concern was raised in respect of the delegated authority suggested under item 17 above and it was stressed that any decision to go to appeal must be made at a meeting of the full council.

It was suggested that after the election, the solicitor is invited to a meeting to provide a full update for all members.

It was **AGREED** to delegate authority to the Mayor, Deputy Mayor and Clerk to deal until a decision needs to be made. At this point it will be brought back to Full Council.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.25pm.

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Signed

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Dated