

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 02 FEBRUARY 2017**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. T. Adams, Deputy Mayor Cllr. J. Frosdick,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. J. Davis, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. C. Robb, Cllr. D. Roberts, Cllr. D. Russell,
Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs. J. Chance MILCM (Town Clerk), Mrs. J. Warner MILCM (Deputy Town Clerk)
District Cllr. J. Lee
Press reporter A. MacGilvray
5 members of the public

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

There were no apologies for absence.
It was noted that Cllr. Plewman was absent.

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

Cllr. Yiasimi declared an interest in NNDC matters.

3. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A member of the public raised concern in respect of the loss of parking and potential loss of trade in the town.

4. **NNDC PROPOSALS FOR CADOGAN ROAD CAR PARK**

Members were in receipt of the information presented at a meeting held at NNDC on 26 January 2017 and the recommendations which are to be made to Cabinet on 06 February 2017.

Following a lengthy discussion members **UNANIMOUSLY AGREED** that a letter be sent to NNDC as a matter of urgency listing their concerns and asking questions. The agreed letter is appended to these minutes.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 8.13pm

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Signed

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Dated

Steve Blatch,
Corporate Director & Head of Paid Service,
North Norfolk District Council,
Holt Road,
Cromer,
Norfolk, NR27 9EN.

3rd February, 2017.

Dear Steve,

Asset Commercialisation – Cadogan Road Car Park

Following Cromer Town Council's special meeting held last night, we would like to have some clarification on the following points concerning the Cadogan Road Car Park draft proposals.

1. We understand that the proposal is to be considered by Cabinet, Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Full Council, but can we have some information concerning the timescales on public consultation?
2. How much does North Norfolk District Council anticipate selling the land on Cadogan Road for in order to meet this proposal?
3. It is not clear how North Norfolk District Council intends to invest the capital raised from the sale of the land. How do the District Council intend to re-invest the money in order to secure an ongoing revenue stream?
4. Can you confirm that the car park currently raises £120,000 per annum?
5. We note that the proposal is not informed by a transport and parking assessment and are concerned about the potential displacement of parking. Cromer Town Council would like an assessment carried out before a scheme is progressed. Is there any intention to carry out such an assessment?
6. Can you please clarify the term "associated" parking and confirm how much parking would be dedicated to the hotel? Are North Norfolk District Council going to retain and manage some car parking themselves or will it be managed by the purchaser?
7. The District Council have intimated that coach parking would be transferred to Runton Road car park.
 - a) Can you confirm how many existing car parking spaces would be lost?
 - b) Would this provision be in place all year round and if so would this affect the carnival and other events using the Runton Road field.

- c) Cadogan Road is already a very important drop off point for the coaches and Cromer Town Council feel that the alternative suggested by North Norfolk District Council for Church Street is not feasible especially during peak periods.
8. Cadogan Road car park is a 'designated' or protected car park on the proposals map of the Local Development Framework. Therefore, the EC6 Core Strategy applies and such a proposal could not currently go ahead as the District Council recognises the economic importance of car parking provisions, according to their policies. Can the District Council confirm how this proposal would be possible, given this Policy's existence?
 9. Can the District Council anticipate how the proposals will be informed by and sensitive to the Conservation Area?
 10. We understand that this proposal includes the demolition of the existing toilets on Cadogan Road. Can the District Council confirm that they will be replaced and with what provisions?
 11. Can you inform Cromer Town Council how much the consultancy phase to date has cost the District Council?
 12. How does the District Council have the flexibility, or liquidity that allows them to make significant long term investments with low interest rates and not be in a position to invest in schemes which would deliver a much higher return? We feel there are other ways the District Council could seek to meet the projected deficit of £1.3m.

Cromer Town Council, in principle, may potentially welcome the provision of a budget hotel to Cromer, but are deeply concerned about the loss of important parking provisions and feel that a more suitable site could be found.

Kindest regards.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Chance MILCM.
Town Clerk.

c.c. District Councillor John Lee.
County Councillor Hilary Cox.
District Councillor Nigel Pearce.