

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 03 APRIL 2017**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. T. Adams, Deputy Mayor Cllr. J. Frosdick,
Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. M. Bossingham, Cllr. J. Davis, Cllr. G. Dickenson,
Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. C. Plewman, Cllr. D. Pritchard, Cllr. C. Robb,
Cllr. D. Roberts, Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. B. Stibbons

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

County & District Cllr. Cox, District Cllr. Pearce
Guest speakers Richard Parker & Dale Meacham Roberts
Members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 20 FEBRUARY 2017**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 20 February 2017 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

It was noted that the minutes of the Annual Town Meeting will be presented at the 2018 Annual Town Meeting.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. Russell – NNCCG & EEAS, Norfolk Healthwatch
Cllrs. Adams, Bossingham & Plewman – Cromer Skatepark
Cllrs. Adams, Bossingham, Frosdick & Stibbons – Planning ref ADV/17/0377
Cllr. Bartlett – Planning ref LA/17/0291 – Dispensation to speak on this matter was **AGREED**

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

3. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

3.1 **Apologies for absence**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Yiasimi (illness) & Cllr. Harris (work).
Apologies were noted from District Cllr. Lee and guest speakers Mark Burgess (NNCCG) and David Allen (EEAS)

4. **COMMITTEES**

4.1 **Appointment of members to committees**

Cllr. Dickenson advised that he did not wish to be appointed on to any committees at present.

4.2 **Council representative**

It was **AGREED** to appoint Cllr. Frosdick to represent the Town Council on the Cromer Dementia Friendly Community.

5. **POLICE**

There was no officer present.
It was noted that the Clerk had circulated the newsletter.

6. **YOUTH**

6.1 **Student council**

There was no representative present.

6.2 **Skatepark**

The Mayor advised that the AGM had gone very well and the group now have a new set of trustees and volunteers. The immediate concerns have been resolved.

7. **GUEST SPEAKER**

Richard Parker (Chief Operating Officer EEAS) and Dale Meacham-Roberts (Paramedic EEAS) were welcomed to the meeting and made a presentation in respect of the working arrangements between the hospital and the ambulance service. It was noted that they are in the early stages of reviewing the strategy for Cromer Hospital. It is hoped that more services will be made available at Cromer Hospital. The reinvestment of fines back into the service is under discussion. The HALOs have been approved for another year.

Both guest speakers were thanked for their presentation and left the meeting.

8. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL**

8.1 **County & District Councillors**

Norfolk County Council

County Cllr. Cox provided various updates including the following:

- The success of Active Norfolk.
- Wheelchair access set up at two beaches by Norfolk Trails Team.
- Digitization and out of hours use of Cromer Library.
- Grants for ex-servicemen.
- New NNDC planning system.
- New website for Your Choice, Your Home.
- Release of film in respect of fishermen and tourism.
- The return of the goats to the west cliff.

Members asked questions in respect of the report:

- Cllr. Cox advised that there are no plans to reduce the staffing at the library.
- Cllr. Cox was not aware of how the cutbacks in respect of building resilient lives will affect Cromer.

The Mayor thanked NCC Highways for all their hard work especially over the last month.

2 members of the public left the meeting.

North Norfolk District Council

District Cllr. Pearce provided an update on the following:

The yachting pond in North Lodge Park will be refilled very soon.
Interesting proposals are being put forward by the Friends of North Lodge Park.

Cllr. Pearce participated in 3 separate dog patrols around Cromer. A few people were caught. Very proactive improvements are being made.

Coastal Forum meeting was very interesting.

The coping stone is yet to be replaced – Cllr. Pearce will pursue this.

Cllr. Pearce was asked why the number of fishing boats are increasing and encroaching on the area of beach in front of the beach huts. He advised that he is looking into this with Cllr. Lee.

Cllr. Cox advised that because of the state of the beaches due to the natural drift of the shingle, fishermen are coming from further afield where the beaches have been lost.

It was noted that there is no progress to report in respect of Cadogan Road car park and that there are no definite plans at present.

Reassurance was given by Cllr. Pearce that the memorial stone from Cabbell Park is being looked after and will be re-erected on the site. There was no update in respect of land for a new sports facility.

The County and District Councillors were thanked for their reports.

9. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There was none.

10. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held on 09 March 2017**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 09 March 2017 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

10.2 **Planning Applications**

Cllr. Pritchard raised concern that not all members are trained in planning matters and therefore he would be abstaining from considering any planning applications.

ADV/17/0377 Display of advertisements comprising illuminated fascia sign and non-illuminated hanging sign and nameplate at 29a Church Street – It was **AGREED** to raise no objections.

Cllrs. Dickenson, Pritchard and Russell abstained from the vote.

LA/17/0291 Demolition of chimney stack at Home House, High Street – It was **AGREED** to object to this application on EN2 & EN8. This is a listed building within a conservation area and it is felt that the chimney stack should be restored and maintained.

Cllrs. Bossingham, Dickenson, Pritchard and Russell abstained from the vote.

10.3 **Cromer Post Office**

Members were in receipt of a letter in respect of the temporary closure of the Post Office. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write to raise concern at the short notice and that alternative arrangements have not been put in place.

11. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Development Committee held on 21 March 2017**

Cllr. Frosdick presented the minutes of the meeting held on 21 March 2017 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Cllrs. Cox & Pearce left the meeting.

12. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 28 February 2017**

Cllr. Frosdick presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 February 2017 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

12.2 **Recruitment of Administration Assistant**

It was **AGREED** to suspend Standing Orders and **AGREED** to change the criteria for interviews for the staff vacancy to permit those who submitted CVs to also be considered for interview. It was noted that the selection panel had no sight of the CVs.

Cllr. Pritchard abstained from the vote.

It was noted that interviews will take place on 19 April 2017.

13. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works and General Purposes Committee held on 28 March 2017**

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2017 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

14. **INFORMATION COMMISSIONERS OFFICE**

The Mayor advised that the decisions have been received and published on the ICO website and that there are no recommendations for Cromer Town Council to observe. It was noted this has cost £18,000 of council tax payers' money plus a great deal of time. The Mayor voiced concern that similar problems exist for numerous clerks and officers across the country and stressed that he will be campaigning against such harassment.

Members advised that they are aware of unquantifiable time as they too had received numerous texts and emails.

15. **REPORTS FROM MAYOR AND DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Mayor and Deputy Mayor reported on their attendance at numerous events.

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

16.1 **Guest speakers** – The Clerk confirmed that the following guest speakers will attend future meetings:

26/06/17 - Dale Meacham Roberts on behalf of Diane Chan

26/06/17 – Simon O’Leary

16.2 **NNCCG** – Cllr. Russell provided a report (refer attached).

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

16.3 **Other reports** – It was noted that the informal induction meeting will take place on 06 April 2017.

17. **CORRESPONDENCE**

17.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

Norfolk ALC	Newsletters
NNDC	North Norfolk Coastal Forum Newsletter Deep History Coast Big Society Fund Police Accountability Forum
NCC	Highways Maintenance Local Teams Registration Newsletter
Police	PCC Newsletter
Bittern Line	Various emails
Chamber of Trade	Newsletters
Historic Towns and Villages Forum	
Wide skies	Newsletter
Cromer Ambulance	Open Day 02 July 2017
Norfolk Wildlife Svcs	Spring 2017 Newsletter
North Yorkshire Moors Railway	
Vattenfall in Norfolk	
Friends of NLP	Art in the Park

17.2 **Correspondence received since 14 February 2017**

NALC Circular
UKPN Newsletter

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

18. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm 15 May 2017 (Annual Town Council meeting)

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting at 9.05 pm

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