

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE PARK ON 06 AUGUST 2018**

PRESENT

Deputy Mayor Cllr. R. Leeds,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. J. Davis, Cllr. G. Dickenson,
Cllr. J. Frostdick (to item 5 incl), Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. Y. Nolan, Cllr. D. Russell,
Cllr. M. Russell, Cllr. B. Stibbons, Cllr. A. Yiasimi

Mrs J Chance PSLCC (Town Clerk)
Mrs. J. Warner PSLCC AICCM (Deputy Town Clerk)

District Cllr. H. Cox
8 Members of the public

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 02 JULY 2018**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 02 July 2018 be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Deputy Mayor.

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. T. Adams - NCC

Cllr. G. Dickenson – Cromer Chamber of Trade

Cllr. D. Russell – NHS matters

Cllr. A. Yiasimi – NNDC

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. Bossingham (family commitment), Cllr. Plewman (illness) & Cllr. Pritchard (prior commitment).

Cllr. Frostdick asked that his objections to the acceptance of Cllr. Pritchard's absence be noted.

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

Concern was raised in respect of the reports of resignations from the Cromer Branch of the Royal British Legion and who will arrange the Armistice Day events in the Town.

It was **AGREED** to bring forward the agenda item regarding Armistice Day.

5. **ARMISTICE PARADE & SERVICE**

Cllr. Bartlett presented a paper on behalf of Cllr. Pritchard recommending that the Town Council take on the responsibility for ensuring that the Remembrance events take place.

District Cllr. Cox advised that the Cromer Branch of the Royal British Legion has not closed but is in a period of transition and County are in control. The intention is to rebuild membership. It was stressed that the Service of Remembrance is a civic event and it is actually the responsibility of the Town Council to arrange it. There will be a parade and service whether or not the Town Council arrange it.

Cllr. Frosdick asked that the current Mayor has no involvement in the arrangements until any enquiries are complete.

It was **AGREED** to support Armistice Day this year.

It was **AGREED** to budget £1,200 for this year's events.

It was **AGREED** to recommend to Policy & Resources Committee to earmark a budget for Armistice events in future years.

It was **AGREED** to progress this via the Promotions & Events Committee and to invite a County representative from the Royal British Legion to attend the next meeting. It was noted that Cllr. Pritchard cannot be excluded from the arrangements.

Cllr. Frosdick resigned and left the meeting.

A representative from the VEO advised that they will help with the Armistice Day arrangements in any way they can.

7 members of the public left the meeting.

6. **POLICE MATTERS**

6.1 **Police Report**

Members were in receipt of the monthly police report.

7. **YOUTH**

7.1 **Cromer Academy**

There was no update

7.2 **Other youth matters**

There were no other matters to report.

8. **DISTRICT & COUNTY COUNCIL**

8.1 **County & District Councillors**

District Councillor Yiasimi

Cllr. Yiasimi had no updates due to family commitments.

District Cllr. Cox

Cllr. Cox provided various updates including the launch of the Blue Flag, the need to look at Green Flag and single use plastics, the opening of the new surgery, plans for the new swimming pool at Sheringham and sports club at Cromer, production of a Cromer Trails Underground map. It was noted that there have been some hiccups with the bills for the brown bins and concern was raised that some people may have paid by Standing Order and by cheque and may not be aware that they have overpaid.

County Councillor Adams

Cllr. Adams circulated a written report and asked that members please read the Fire Service documents.

Members were in receipt of an email from Cllr. D. Russell re Norfolk Healthwatch and their lack of engagement with EEAST. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Town Clerk to write to Norfolk Healthwatch asking them to look into this issue and to copy the letter to County Cllr. Adams and the HOSC Representative.

8.2 Questions to District & County Councillors

Cadogan Road Car Park - Cllr. Harris advised that he has been monitoring the number of coaches using the car park and feels that this area would provide valuable car parking spaces and a bigger income for NNDC. He asked that NNDC look into this.

Rusted Tractor on Beach – It was noted that the old rusted tractor has been moved. Cllr. Cox advised that most of the tractors are rusty but are working and do their job. It was noted that there is a separate issue being addressed re some of the boats.

Evington Lawns Wall – Members were advised that the ownership of the wall is unknown. Cllr. Adams advised that NNDC were given freehold of the land and this has been on-going for over a year. People are using the gap as an access to private land. Cllr. Yiasimi will pursue this.

Melbourne Slope WCs – An update is still awaited as to the future of this building.

Memorial Benches – Cllr. Yiasimi was asked to request that NNDC review their bench policy but no response has been received. More requests for memorial benches have been received and there are spaces where some could be located.

A request was also received for more seating near the new play area on the promenade.

Additional Signage for Long Stay Car Parks – It was felt that the existing signage is confusing and that there should be better signage to the long stay car park at Runton Road. Cllr. Adams stressed that all 3 authorities should be working together on a parking strategy. A request was made for more pay and display machines at Runton Road car park.

North Lodge Park – Cllr. Nolan asked what is to happen to the shelters and Collectors Cabin as they all need maintenance and the fence posts along the cliff top need painting. She also stressed the need for display lighting along the cliff path.

Fearns Park – A request was received for nets for the goals.

It was suggested that at the end of the summer season a review is held to address any issues.

The County and District Councillors were thanked for all their work.

9. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Transportation & Environment Committee held 19 July 2018**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19 July 2018 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Minute item 11.1 West Cliff Footpath – Cllr. Adams voiced disappointment that there has been no response or acknowledgment from NNDC regarding the paper on the West Cliff footpath. It has taken 250-300 hours of hard work to establish ownership of this footpath. If the gully collapses, the access along the footpath will be lost. Cllr. Adams gifted the paper to CTC but advised that some of the appendices have copywrite.

It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to write to NNDC asking for a response.

Cromer Town Football Club

Cllr. Harris declared an interest in Cromer Town Football Club. It was noted that the developers of the proposed sites on Norwich Road and Roughton Road will be submitting outline applications soon. Cllr. Harris asked for clarification as to what happens to the funding from Cabbell Park should both developments proceed. Who has the right to award the funding? NNDC or the trustees of the site?

9.2 **Grant funding for Play Equipment**

To date there has been no success in matchfunding the £30,000 budget for play equipment. It was **AGREED** to freeze the £30,000 for the time being and to arrange to meet with NNDC before progressing a play strategy for Cromer.

10. **PROMOTIONS & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Promotions and Development Committee held on 24 July 2018**

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meeting held on 24 July 2018 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

Minute item 10.4 Merchant Navy Day – It was noted that a meeting has been arranged with NNDC to discuss a combined event.

Minute item 10.5 Battle of Britain Day – Cllr. D. Russell asked that the Flag Flying Policy be changed to fly the RAF Ensign every year. He also asked that the flag be flown at 9am this year and the Air Cadets be invited to attend.

11. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Policy and Resources Committee held on 17 July 2018**

Cllr. Bartlett presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

12. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

12.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Works & General Purposes Committee held on 31 July 2018**

Cllr. Bartlett presented the minutes of the meeting held on 31 July 2018 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**.

13. **COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

13.1 **Minutes of the meeting of the Community & Economic Development Committee held on 17 July 2018**

Cllr. Dickenson presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17 July 2018 which were **APPROVED** and **ADOPTED**

Minute item 6.1 Citizenship - It was noted that the Citizenship meeting had been held and notes circulated. A citizenship pack will now be put together for prospective new councillors.

14. **REPORT FROM MAYOR & DEPUTY MAYOR**

The Deputy Mayor updated members in respect of his attendance at various events.

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

15.1 **Norfolk ALC** – Cllr. Harris advised that NALC will be encouraging people to become councillors and that they are hopeful that funding for training may be forthcoming.

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

15.2 **NHS** – A report from Cllr. D. Russell was circulated prior to the meeting.

16. **CORRESPONDENCE**

16.1 **Correspondence as detailed below**

Norfolk ALC	Weekly newsletters & attachments
NCC	Minerals and waste local plan review Visit from Streetscene Inspectors
NNDC	Review of Gambling Policy Coastal Forum Field Trip

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

16.2 **Correspondence received since 30 July 2018**

Cromer Methodist Church Art Exhibition

17. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 7pm 17 September 2018

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

It was **AGREED** that in view of the nature of the matters to be discussed that the public and press be excluded from the meeting.

19. **PERSISTANT COMPLAINTS POLICY**

Advice from the ICO was read out and members reviewed the policies re contact with complainants. It was **AGREED** to keep the information on file as it is relevant to the current council.

There being no further business, the Deputy Mayor closed the meeting at 9.20pm

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Signed

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Dated

Cromer Town Council
06 August 2018

County Council report – 6th August 2018

Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service

You will obviously be aware that we owe the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service a great deal for their response to numerous previous and ongoing fires in the open across and even out of the County. These are alongside many other incidents over the last month.

We must also thank the businesses who offer their staff the flexibility to serve in the Fire & Rescue Service, and of course those otherwise self-employed Fire Fighters who have so frequently paused working commitments to respond.

Separately, you have previously received two emails related to the proposed takeover of the Norfolk Fire & Rescue Service by the Norfolk Police and Crime Commissioner. These emails contain the links to the case for retention by Norfolk County Council and the business case produced by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

I would urge you all to spend around 2 hours considering these and responding to the consultation being carried out by the Police and Crime Commissioner before September 5th.

I would also be happy to put your views before the members of the Police & Crime Panel and Communities Committee representatives.

I am personally deeply opposed to the Commissioner having anything to do with our Fire & Rescue Service, and would be happy to give you more of my impressions if you wish.

Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement Scheme

We have agreed to support a further 100 refugees between 2018/20.

Highways

There have been 32 new highways matters dealt with since my last report to you. Of the defects, most have been related to paving stones, lining and Anglian Water infrastructure.

A more detailed report is on the back page of the PTE minutes including details of upcoming capital spending and various other items either brought directly to the Town Councils attention, or otherwise requiring the Town Council's attention as consultee.

I have now been involved in 999 highways issues since election, just under half of all casework – there are no prizes if you bring number 1000 to my attention.

The Old Station House (Buffers/Bouncers/Bar 98/ Buddies)

I have been in contact with the current Leaseholder to encourage a cleanup of the area around the building, which they have agreed to do.

Cromer Hospital

I am to meet the Chief Operating Officer of Norfolk and Norwich University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust later this week to discuss issues related to parking on Mill Road. There are growing issues for residents in that areas and there now a disparity with the parking offer across the road at the new Doctors Surgery.

DIY Waste

You will have heard that we were unable to overturn the new DIY Waste charges at the last meeting of the Full Council, though I anticipate that we will keep trying.