

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CROMER TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT NORTH LODGE AT 19:00 ON 29 NOVEMBER 2021**

PRESENT

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham, Deputy Mayor Cllr. P. West,
Cllr. T. Adams, Cllr. T. Bartlett, Cllr. P. Bennett, Cllr. I Cunningham,
Cllr. P. Harris (from item 3), Cllr. M. Hayhurst, Cllr. R. Leeds, Cllr. D. Pritchard,
Cllr. D. Russell, Cllr. D. Roberts

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

1. **MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 18 OCT 2021**

It was **AGREED** that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 October 2021, be **APPROVED**. The minutes were signed by the Mayor.

2. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were accepted from Cllr. Baksh (family illness), Cllr. M. Russell (illness), Cllr. Spagnola (illness) and Cllr. Yiasimi (illness).

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

Members declared interests as follows:

Cllr. D. Russell – EEAST

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

4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

5. **COMMITTEES**

It was **AGREED** that Cllr. Cunningham would serve on the Works & General Purposes Committee and the Promotions & Events Committee.

6. **BUDGET 2022/23**

Members were in receipt of the draft budget which had already been considered by each committee. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to pass £750 of the proposed budget for Remembrance Sunday to the June 2022 commemorative events. It was then **AGREED** to approve the budget and set the precept for 2022/23 at £293470.

7. **YOUTH MATTERS**

The Mayor advised that he had visited Cromer Academy. It was noted that the Head Teacher would like to arrange for the school council to meet with the Mayor, Cllr. Adams and Cllr. Hayhurst.

8. **REPORTS FROM COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS**

There were no reports.

9. **POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

9.1 **Minutes of the meetings held on 09 November 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held 09 Nov 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

It was noted that Sally Davenport would like to attend the January Committee meeting to talk about law.

It was **AGREED** that due to the need to ventilate the Chamber and to protect the health of any vulnerable members or officers, the committee will not meet in December unless any urgent matters arise.

9.2 **Website**

Members were in receipt of the correspondence with the web developer. It was noted that a further invoice has now been received. It was **AGREED** to instruct the Clerk to obtain clarification of the invoices and at no stage should the recent invoice be paid. It was **AGREED** to set up a working group to progress a new website. Members of the website would be Cllrs. Bartlett, Bossingham and Harris. Cllr. Adams has a web developer to recommend too.

10. **PLANNING TRANSPORTATION & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE**

10.1 **Minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2021**

Cllr. Adams presented the minutes of the meeting held on 28 October 2021 which were **APPROVED**. It was noted that the meeting on 25 Nov 2021 was cancelled.

11. **WORKS & GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE**

11.1 **Minutes of the meetings held on 28 October 2021 and 23 November 2021**

Cllr. Pritchard provided the minutes of the meetings held on 26 October 2021 and 23 November 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

Purchase of land at Norwich Road – The Clerk provided an update and advised that the land was last valued at £460k a few years ago. Following discussion, it was **AGREED** to not progress this matter.

11.2 Commemorations & Events Sub-Committee

Cllr. Pritchard presented the minutes of the meeting held on 22 November 2022 which were **APPROVED**. He stressed the need for all members to keep their diaries clear to help make the June 2022 event a success.

Remembrance – Concern was raised in respect of the plastic content of the poppy wreaths. It was noted that the Royal British Legion plan to have recyclable wreaths within the next 2 years.

Cllrs. Pritchard, Bossingham and Russell declared an interest in the above item.

12. PROMOTIONS & EVENTS COMMITTEE

12.1 Minutes of meetings held on 02 November 2021 and 09 November 2021

Cllr. Leeds presented the minutes of the meetings held on 02 November 2021 and 09 November 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

Christmas Festival – Following consultation with the Director of Public Health, it was **AGREED** to proceed with the event but to encourage the use of face coverings at the indoor events and social distancing wherever possible. It was stressed that everyone's assistance is required at the event.

New Year's Day Fireworks – It was noted that at this stage, plans for the event are progressing unless guidance from the Government or the Director of Public Health advises otherwise.

Cromer Pier Show – The Clerk was instructed to send a letter to all involved in the Cromer Pier Show to thank them for putting on an excellent show. Thanks were also given to the audience for turning out in such dreadful weather.

13. COMMUNITY & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

13.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 04 November 2021

Cllr. Harris presented the minutes of the meeting held on 04 November 2021 which were **APPROVED**.

Pocket Park – An update was given in respect of the installation of the climbing wall.

It was **AGREED** that due to the need to ventilate the Chamber and to protect the health of any vulnerable members or officers, the committee will not meet in December unless any urgent matters arise.

14. **OTHER REPORTS**

14.1 **Reports from Mayor & Deputy Mayor**

Mayor Cllr. M. Bossingham provided a written report on his attendance at various events and advised that he had completed his virtual walk from Land's End to John O Groats which had raised £1145 for the Skatepark Charity.

Concern was raised that a leaflet in the North Norfolk News is misleading as it was a local teenager who led the call for the Town Council to declare a climate emergency and that the Mayor is not the Council's first Green Party member as he did not declare as such during the election process.

Cllr. Adams raised concern that a malicious complaint against him has been completed by NNDC but an apology from those concerned is still awaited. The Mayor advised that he cannot force members to apologise. Cllr. Adams advised that the Town Council needs to apologise to him and also to the NHS and then need to move forward to work together again as a good team.

The Deputy Mayor advised that he had thoroughly enjoyed attending the Community Café for a cheque presentation and will be visiting again. He also attended the Remembrance events and thanked Cllr. Pritchard for all his hard work in making these a success. It was noted that whilst attending the opening night of the pier show, the Deputy Mayor spoke to a director of Openwide who confirmed that as far as he is concerned the pier is the town's on New Year's Day.

14.2 **Reports from Councillors serving on other bodies**

Cllr. D. Russell – Members were in receipt of a written report from Cllr. Russell.

Cllr. Harris advised that NALC will be holding their annual conference at Fakenham Racecourse.

Cllr. Bartlett advised that the Bittern Line are putting forward ideas for the strategic plan which include a platform length mural at Cromer Station.

15. **CORRESPONDENCE** (for information only)

Members were in receipt of the NCC Budget Consultation which was noted.

16. **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:** 10 January 2022 at 7pm

17. **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.

18. **POCKET PARK**

Members were in receipt of an email re the Pocket Park and the Clerk provided an update in respect of the solicitors' correspondence.

*The Clerk and Deputy Clerk were asked to leave the meeting.
Cllr. Bartlett will minute the rest of the meeting.*

19. **PERSONNEL MATTERS**

The minutes taken by Cllr. Bartlett will be added in due course.

There being no further business, the Mayor closed the meeting.

Signed

Dated