

# CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Annual Assembly meeting held at Crowle Community Hub on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2010

**PRESENT.** Cllr N Culpin, Town Mayor, presiding

Cllr's	T Barker	C Stewart	R Stewart	P Venum	F J Rhodes
	G DaCosta	H S Osborne	K Holgate	J Reed	M Bailey
	N Arrand				

**WARD COUNCILLORS:** T Barker J Briggs

**1. APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Cllr's: I Mason, J R Smith

## **2. MATTERS ARISING.**

No matters were raised:

## **3. MAYORS REPORT OF PREVIOUS YEAR.**

2009/2010 has been a busy period but interesting time with plenty of activities occurring.

Following the changes in maintenance of the landscaped areas within the ownership of the council, when contractors were brought in to carry out the work, after the problems that occurred it now seems to be working out very well indeed.

With the vacating of the cemetery lodge by the town handyman, the council have carried out some major improvements to the building and is now successfully being rented out which is supplying the council with some income.

I would like to personally thank Cllr Da Costa, Holgate and Reed for all the hours they put into ensuring the project was carried out successfully.

After a lot of discussion on whether the revamping of the Market Place would go ahead, it did and we can now see some of the benefits of it as the development goes on with future plans to come.

The Quality Parish Council has moved on with a lot of the background work being carried out, we have now sorted a council surgery once a month held at the council office.

We had a very successful playscheme at Windsor Park and it was found to be an ideal site, it was full capacity and overflowing at times. Many thanks to the staff and the council clerk for ensuring it were a success.

The development of the Manor Park on Johnson's Lane site is starting to move forward after some very successful public participation and a successful grant being established from Playbuilder, which will definitely see the development move forward.

We also had a new member co-opted onto the council this year, Cllr Julie Reed.

Ealand Park received funding for phase 2 of the development, which was completed in April of this year, it is hoped that grants will m be received for further development to be carried out.

Another very important item is the development of an Allotment site within the town.

Agreements have been drawn up and signed, and they are starting to go from strength to strength.

Minor improvements have been carried out to the CCTV system, which now seems to be working well

### **3. MAYORS REPORT OF PREVIOUS YEAR CONT:**

The council website is still slowly being developed and we are well aware that it is getting used by the general public.

Finally I would like to thank all my fellow councillors for their support during my period as Mayor and in particular to Kate the council clerk who has helped and assisted me at all times, ensuring the work runs in a smooth and democratic way.

### **4. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT.**

Cllr J Briggs reported the following:

**Trent Catchment Flood Plan** - They originally used policy 2, there been new moves to policy 3, and they are now pressing for policy 4 which incorporates global warming.

**Keadby Windfarm Traffic** – This has caused major issues, however it now seems all are in favour of using the access road on the A18, a new bridge across the canal and railway will need to be put in place, negotiations are still taking place but are looking favourable.

**North Lincolnshire Homes** – They are now in their fourth year, I am sure you will have noticed the difference, major work has been carried out with new windows, doors, kitchens and bathrooms, the tenants feedback is very good.

**Anti Social Behaviour** – Actions teams and other organisations/bodies are working together and we need to continue to support and work together with this issue.

**Waste Treatment** – A new plant is proposed for Normanby Enterprise Park or Melton Ross, it is a 250 Million pound contract, the decision will be made by one person, I would like to see more councillors involved in the decision of the contract, and hope that the people living across from the sites will be consulted.

**Flixborough Windfaram** – The Inspector turned down the windfarm, he ruled in favour of two autistic children's health.

**Local Development Framework** – Further consultations will decide shape of our communities, suggestions have been received concerning land development, later in the year discussions will take place concerning the suggested locations.

With us all living longer with more years in retirement, the state of the country's economy means new methods of working together, with more provisions for the elderly.

Very pleased concerning the successful grant from Playbuilder for the Johnson's Lane play area, also congratulations to Julie Reed and her team on the re-development of Ealand Park.

The Market Place is a turning point for the area; need to look to future in rural areas.

I welcome the proposed name change of the council to Crowle & Ealand Town Council which will be discussed at North Lincolnshire Council AGM

I recognise all the hard work carried out by other groups, when you look around in meetings it is all the same faces, more people need to be encouraged to get involved.

#### **4. WARD COUNCILLORS REPORT CONT:**

I would like to thank the town council and the clerk for all their hard work as well as the hard work carried out by other organisations e.g. North Isle Partnership, MUGA Delivery group, Regeneration and Neighbourhood Watch.

Cllr T Barker reported the following:

**Market Place** – The Market Place is now nearing completion, it is hoped that the new complex will attract more business to the town and will regenerate Crowle. I am confident with all enquires that have been made this will be the case. I would like to thank all of the current business around the Market Place for their cooperation during the transition period and their continued support.

**Playing Fields** – Ealand Park has been completely transformed and I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the people who have been involved. It has been a sterling effort by all concerned and I know that it is very much appreciated by all. Manor Park in Johnson's Lane has recently been awarded money from the Play Builder Scheme run by North Lincolnshire Council and this I know is hoping to be match funding again from within North Lincolnshire Council. I will be doing all that I can to accomplish this on behalf of the residents of Crowle.

**Windfarm Traffic** – Recent meetings between North Lincolnshire Council and RES have been in favour of no transport to pass through Ealand, this is to be achieved by using the A18 and a new bridge across the canal and railway. These negotiations are still ongoing, but I am confident that we will get a favourable outcome.

**Residents** – I continue to receive enquires for assistance from residents both Crowle and Ealand, I am pleased to report that all have been satisfactory dealt with. I am available to assist any residents with their problems and can assure everybody I will do all in my power to assist in dealing with their enquiries. I am well aware that Crowle is lacking in facilities to support its younger people. The lack of social activities for the 16 plus year olds is something that is to be addressed in the coming year. I have begun the process of meeting with our younger population and I am hoping to find a common ground that we can proceed to accommodate the youth of Crowle & Ealand.

**Crowle & Ealand Town Council** – I use the full title, as that is how the council will be known in the future. Having been brought up in Ealand in part of my younger days, I am pleased with the inclusion of Ealand into the title. The town council and its members must at this point be complemented on their work during the past year. The Mayor Nick Culpin and the clerk Kate Fowler have both carried out their duties to the highest standards and I thank them for their help during the year. Crowle Town Council is in my opinion a top class body of residents who give up their time freely and do an exceptional job with little praise. They should all be very please with themselves for their contribution to the public of Crowle and Ealand. I applaud you all.

#### **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS.**

There was no other business to report.

**The meeting closed at 7.22pm**