

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Resource Centre on 8th April 2008

PRESENT. Cllr M Bailey, Town Mayor, presiding

Cllr: B Duffield F J Rhodes K Holgate R Stewart P Venum
 N Arrand N Culpin I Mason

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: T Barker, G DaCosta, J R Smith

211. PUBLIC FORUM

The mayor asked if there was any member of the public present at the meeting if they wished to speak, Mr J Ramsden, Mr P Hart, Mr J Jewels, Mrs McHugh and Mr Bruce were given 3 minutes to speak to the council.

Mr John Ramsden – Seven Lakes Country Park

Mr John Ramsden commented on two of the planning applications that are before the council, both relating to Seven Lakes Caravan Site. First the one for the provision of decking and veranda's for each plastic box. He realises that to object on purely planning grounds that certain criteria must be met, however he would like to point out that the decking and verandas have been in situ for some years and in fact appear to be erected in some cases before the plastic boxes are on site. So this obviously a selling point to new clients. His concern is the fact that North Lincolnshire planning officers seem to be unaware of the fact that there are around 3 to 4 hundred plastic boxes with decking and verandas. This would suggest to him that either North Lincolnshire planning officers were not aware of the situation, or if they were aware chose to do nothing about it knowing full well that the owner of the site was clearly flouting planning regulations and still decided not to do anything. Could it be that the one reason being that North Lincolnshire planning officers fight shy of possible conflict between the owner and themselves because of the potential financial implication if the application was refused and went to appeal. In light of this he would like Crowle Town Council to request from North Lincolnshire Council why this has taken so long to come to planning. The second application is to carry out improvements on the main lake and associated land works. In his view a considerable amount of work has already been carried out, especially to the easterly point of the lake which seems to be solely to increase the number of concrete pads for even more plastic boxes how much more of the natural flora and forna, which includes the protected marsh orchid is to be destroyed in the name of improvement. As a boy like many in Crowle he was fascinated by the considerable numbers of great crested newts that could be found on the then Crowle brick ponds which is now Seven Lakes. These newts seem to him to be descendents from a prehistoric age and he has no doubt that the great crested newt is probably still there today. The great crested newt is one of six species of confirmed British amphibious species that is fully protected under the conservation of natural habitats and habitats of species of 1994 and the Wildlife and Countryside Act of 1981. The act clearly states that threats to the newts population by means of habitat loss is particular of in filling of ponds and unsympathetic habitation of the site is strictly illegal. The owner or occupier of any land shall not carry out or cause permit to be carried out on that land any operation that deems to be detrimental to the well being of the specie. He would therefore ask Crowle Town Council to formerly request North Lincolnshire

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planning officers to clarify the position regarding the destruction of the habitat and insure that work ceases on the site until further investigation has been completed by the relevant agencies

Mrs McHugh – Johnson’s Lane Playing Field

Mrs McHugh spoke concerning the Johnson’s Lane Playing Field asking what the present situation was concerning the committee which has ceased to continue after Mr Ray Horner left the village. Mrs McHugh gave the clerk a copy of the charity documents relating to the site.

Mr P Hart – Track Along Lovers Ground

Mr Hart reported to the council concerning the track along lovers ground which was discussed at a previous council meeting. Mr Hart thanked the council for their support and reply to North Lincolnshire Council; he reported that Lovers Ground Road is the only access for emergency vehicles when the crossing is closed. The road is listed as a Highway on the 1878 Maintenance list which was accepted by Humberside. Mr Olbourne is obstructing the highway. Mr Hart reported that a Public Rights of Way Evidence Form has been filled out by over eleven residents already and he asked if the council would be willing to get forms signed by residents who have used the lane, the more forms that are filled in and sent to North Lincolnshire Council the better. Mr Hart reported that he had brought some forms to the meeting should any councillor wish to fill one out.

Mr J Jewels

Mr Jewels reported that he lives in Crowle and has been speaking to the youths of Crowle and the older residents, and is appalled that they are being charged for parking in the Market Square. He is personally trying to get a youth centre up and running, he reported that there are three points he is looking at which where (1) Youth Club, (2) The Elderly, and (3) Childcare.

Mr Bruce – Seven Lakes Country Park

Mr Bruce reported concerning the Seven Lakes planning permission concerning the landscape and widening the channel, this would just encourage further use of Jet skis. Mr Bruce went on to discuss the planning application for veranda’s and decking reporting that the principle work has already been carried out and the application should be refused.

212. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following functions:

1. The Annual dinner at the Ealand Victory Hall, The Chairman of the Victory Hall publicly thanked Crowle Town Council for their financial support.

213. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Cllr P Venum reported that a few meeting ago himself and two other councillor's left the room when the Youth Service was discussed, after contacting ERNLLCA concerning this matter, when declaring a non-prejudicial interest they do not have to leave the room. ERNLLCA suggested the paper received concerning prejudicial and non- prejudicial interests may have been taken from North Lincolnshire Council and we could get a more user friendly copy form ERNLLCA.

Resolved: Contact ERNLLCA for a user friendly copy of the non-prejudicial and prejudicial interests.

214. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11th March, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, Subject to the amendment that Cllr R Stewart did not say the Referendum could be unlawful, also the statement made by Cllr P Venum concerning youth facilities should be placed at the end of comments relating to the Parish Plan.

Resolved: That the said minutes be approved and signed as a true record, subject to the above amendments.

215. MATTERS ARISING.

168. CCTV System

After checking the extra funding costs it was reported that the difference was the microwave system needed and the costing's did not include VAT.

198. Calor Village of the Year

Cllr M Bailey reported that after looking further at the application form, it required four of five pages of a report concerning different issues, and he feels that it may not be for the council at the present time.

196. Simon Driver

It was reported that the council have now received a reply from Mr Driver.

204. Track Across Lovers Ground

Cllr B Duffield reported that this matter has been discussed previous with Mr Wilkinson, Mr Olbourne first placed a gate at the lane, then a trailer and he has now placed concrete bollards. Cllr B Duffield asked if the council would agree for him to write a further letter in reply to Mr Wilkinson concerning this matter.

Resolved: The council agreed for Cllr Duffield to write a further reply on behalf of the council.

207. Quote for Spraying

It was reported that the council should now contact Mr Hinds to carry out the spraying in the cemetery at his next convenience.

216. MARCUS WALKER – NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL

Marcus reported that he was happy to take any questions, and that the council are aware of the planning system that was brought out 3 years ago, North Lincolnshire Council will be changing some of the consultation systems in June. Marcus reported that the core strategy planning bill made a submission for public consultation and five thousand responses concerning the consultation have been received. The allocations document concerning Industry, Housing, employment etc. Was also put out to consultation, two and a half thousand responses have been received concerning this matter. North Lincolnshire Council have to provide housing for the next fifteen years, they need to demonstrate why some land would be more useful than others. They are currently logging all responses, a letter will be sent to the council in the future as to the new time table.

Cllr B Duffield reported that we discussed previous the two choices of either becoming a medium or low development area. Crowle has been developing on a medium level at present; he asked if Crowle should consider being a low development area. Marcus reported that there is no pressure at the moment by government that we have to develop at a current rate.

As much evidence as possible would be required should the council decide that they would go for a low development status.

North Lincolnshire Council gives great weight to Parish and Town Council's input. Cllr N Arrand reported that Ealand desperately needs its own sewerage works could North Lincolnshire council contact Seven Trent concerning this matter. Marcus reported that they could but it would then be down to Seven Trent to make a decision.

The Mayor thanked Marcus for attending the meeting.

217. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2008/0220 – Planning permission to erect a single storey extension – 26 Mill Road, Crowle

No Observations:

2008/0331 – Approval of reserved matters following outline planning permission PA/2005/0665 dated 14/9/05 for the erection of a detached dwelling Land at Oakley Stables, Godnow Road, Crowle.

Objections were raised on the following grounds:

1. The application is outside of the development line for North Lincolnshire.

2008/0424 – Planning permission to provide verandas and decking adjacent to existing Static caravans – 7 Lakes Country Park, Wharf Road, Ealand.

Objections were raised on the following grounds:

1. Please see attached letters concerning objections.

2008/0431 – Planning permission to erect a single-storey extension and convert a Barn into a TV room and bedroom (re-submission of PA 2008/0077) 1 Chapel Street, Crowle.

No Observations:

2008/0430 – Planning permission to erect a 2-storey side and rear extension – 28 Windsor Road, Crowle.

No Observations:

2008/0473 – Planning permission to carry out improvements to North Channel on Main Lake And carry out associated landscape works – 7 Lakes Country Park, Wharf Road, Crowle.

2008/0474 – Planning permission to construct replacement pontoons incorporating bank Erosion structures and boardwalk – 7 Lakes Country Park, Wharf Road, Crowle

Objections were raised on the following grounds:

1. Please see attached letter concerning objections:

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2008/0236 – Planning permission for amended house type to include a balcony and entrance Portico – Land adjacent Low Paddock, Commonside, Crowle.

No Observations:

2008/0481 – Planning permission to amend plots 4, 5 and 6 previously approved under 2007/0228 – Land adjacent 42 Eastoft, Crowle.

Application Supported:

2008/0417 – Planning permission to erect 15 dwellings – Land Adjacent to Windsor Crescent, Crowle.

Objections were raised on the following grounds:**1. Please see attached letter of objections.**

2008/0478 – Planning permission to erect new office accommodation – Alf Kitching Ltd, Double Rivers, Old Route of A161 South of Crowle.

No Observations:**Applications granted:**

2008/0067 – Erect a domestic two-storey double garage and workshop (including demolition Of existing outbuilding) at 25 The Slack, Crowle.

Applications Refused:

2008/0077 – Erect a single storey extension and convert barn store into TV room and Bedroom at 1 Chapel Street, Crowle.

218. CEMETERY CHAPELS

Cllr F J Rhodes reported that a full project schedule is still being put together. It was reported that the council need to purchase two steel cabinets to store all the chemicals; it was proposed that the council purchase the cabinets as soon as possible. All councillors are agreed to the above.

Resolved: Place on next month's agenda

219. ST OSWALDS'S CHURCH

Resolved: This matter has now been resolved and the cheque has now been returned.

220. FRIENDS OF EALAND PARK

Cllr M Bailey reported that the above are now forming a charity group to forward and look at funding for new equipment etc. Cllr M Bailey asked if any member of the council would like to be a part of the committee to represent the council. Cllr M Bailey reported that he would be willing to represent the council on the committee.

Resolved: The council agreed for Cllr M Bailey to represent them on the Friends of Ealand committee.

221. JOHNSON'S LANE PLAYING FIELD

Cllr M Bailey reported to the council concerning a letter that has been received from the Fields of Trust concerning the convenient on Johnson's Lane Playing Field, Cllr M Bailey read the letter out to the council. Cllr F J Rhodes stated that the deed convenient states that the land can only be used for organised games and children's playground. The council would need to change the convenient and work out a strategy as to what they wish to do with the land. It was reported that the ownership of the land has now been sorted out and the documents relating to this from the Land Registry are stored at the office.

It was stated that when this matter was discussed previous a committee was formed as the Manor Park Fund; the committee had a draft plan drawn up, with ideas as to what could be done with the land. It was stated that all the documentation is stored at Alan Robinson's Solicitors.

Resolved: The clerk to contact Robinson's Solicitors to get all relevant information concerning the Manor Park Fund. Place on next month's agenda.

222. ISLE OF AXHOLME POLICE AUTHORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

Resolved: To be noted:

223. ERNLLCA MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Cllr F J Rhodes proposed that the council do not renew the membership, Cllr I Mason second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 1 in favour, 5 against and 1 abstained.

Resolved: The council will renew the membership this year.

224. CEMETERY CHARGES

Cllr F J Rhodes stated that this matter should be discussed under a closed session, it was suggested that a separate meeting be held to discuss this matter before the next council meeting in May.

Resolved: Arrange a meeting and contact each councillor with the details.

225. HIGHWAY ENCROACHMENT POLICY

Cllr R Stewart reported concerning the Encroachment Policy paper that has been received by the council and stated that we should respond to the policy as a council.

Cllr N Arrand proposed that the council accept the policy and then instruct North Lincolnshire Council to take action against the outstanding Encroachments. Cllr M Bailey asked if Cllr B Duffield would put together a draft reply concerning this matter for the council's approval, which was agreed.

226. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised:

1. All drains along footpaths are blocked again especially the one outside the Balti House, where they pour fat down it.
2. The traffic lights to be monitored to ensure no delay, often the lights go out of timing.
3. Outside of No.99 and 101 Windsor Road, there is a massive dip in the road which goes along the full width of the road and has caused damage to vehicles.

227. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

977	Torn Valley	229.13
979	Inland Revenue	269.11
980	ADDPlant	101.17
981	North Lincolnshire Council	112.06
982	North Lincolnshire Council	1189.50
983	North Lincolnshire Council	1478.40
984	North Lincolnshire Council	1298.66
985	Forest & Farm	520.05
987	H Wroot	350.00
988	Alan Rayment	100.00
989	Crowle Show	100.00
999	SK Fuel	53.00