

# CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Hub on the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

**PRESENT.** Cllr M Bailey, Mayor, presiding

Cllr:	B Duffield	J R Smith	R Stewart	P Vernum	K Holgate
	N Arrand	I Tonge	H S Osborne		

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Cllr: N Culpin – Commitments to Lyons Club  
G DaCosta – Work Commitments  
F J Rhodes – Unwell  
T Barker – Other Commitments

**NON – ATTENDANCE** from the following Cllr: I Mason

## **143. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

The following councillor's declared an interest in an agenda item:

Cllr M Bailey – Agenda item 17 – Ealand Park  
Agenda item 7 – Planning application 2008/1629

## **144. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

## **145. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The Mayor reported that he had attended the following functions:

1. Civic Service at Kirton Lindsey
2. Opening of the Crowle Community Hub
3. 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of North Axholme School
4. Opening of the new revamp of the Methodist Church

## **146. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 11<sup>th</sup> November 2008, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, subject to the following amendments, agenda item 131. Parking Provisions it should read rural areas not urban areas also Making an Enforcement of bylaws should read Making and Enforcement of Bylaws.

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

**147. MATTERS ARISING.**

There were no matters raised:

**148. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING**

2008/1596 – Planning permission to retain the change of use from former book makers to Cafe and sweet shop – 70 High Street, Crowle.

**Support Application:**

2008/1629 – Planning permission to erect office and storeroom extension – North Axholme School, Wharf Road, Crowle

**Support Application:****Applications granted:**

2008/1537 – Determination concerning prior approval for a storage building  
At Soldanella, Marsh Road, Crowle – **Prior Approval Not Required.**

2008/1373 – Change of use to beauty salon (30 High Street) and change of  
Use of a beauty salon to ancillary residential use (28 High Street)  
Including alterations to both front elevations at 28 & 30 High  
Street, Crowle.

**Applications withdrawn:**

2008/0701 – Planning permission to make alterations to outbuilding to provide  
A residential annexe and erect a conservatory – Building to rear of  
6 Woodland Avenue, Crowle

**149. STEVE HEPWORTH – NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE HOMES**

Steve Hepworth thanked the council for allowing him to attend the meeting he introduced David Broadmeadow; Steve explained that Manor Gardens has now been demolished and they are proposing to place flats and bungalows on the site. The next step is to apply for planning permission; if this is successful then they will apply to the Housing Corporation for funding. If all goes through hopefully they will be onsite and start development within 12 Months.

Steve showed the council the proposed plans for the site and stated that he was happy to answer any questions and feed any comments back into the planning.

Cllr Bailey asked if there would be secure access to the flats and bungalows, Steve reported that there would be key fobs for entry as well as video links, they are not planning on having wardens, but they can have pendants if required.

Cllr Venum stated that he noticed on the plans that there is no communal room, Steve said that the flats and bungalows will be self contained for the over 55's they will be retirement homes rather than sheltered accommodation.

Cllr Osborne asked if they had any plans to widen the width of the road as parking facilities are massively needed, Steve stated that at the present time they have no plans to widen the road.

Cllr Duffield stated that he appreciates them attending the meeting but at a previous meeting of the council when a housing development was proposed for an area that was totally unsuitable, they went away and did the total opposite to what was proposed at the meeting, Cllr Duffield doesn't want the same to happen with this proposal, he asked if the proposed development would release council houses for family residents, and would Crowle residents get first refusal of the new flats and bungalows, which may release enough family council homes to cover the required amount of affordable homes for Crowle.

#### **149. STEVE HEPWORTH – NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE HOMES CONT:**

Cllr R Stewart reported that the proposed site has long standing areas which suffer with ongoing anti-social behaviour, Steve explained that they were not aware of any problems, but doesn't foresee any problems.

It was stated that the next step is to go through North Lincolnshire planning which will come back to the council.

The Mayor thanked Steve and David for attending the meeting.

#### **150. DOCTOR JOHN BRUCE TROPHY**

At the last meeting it was proposed that the council indulge in public nominations concerning the above, which was carried out. It was reported that the council received a great response to this and received the following nominations 3 for the Gardeners of St Oswald's Church, 2 for Mr Mumby for his great work at the Ealand Victory Hall.

The Mayor reported that he had received a nomination for the Methodist Church for the renovations they have carried out. Cllr Osborne suggested that they leave the Methodist Church as the project is not finished and this could be looked at next year.

Cllr Duffield proposed that the trophy be presented to the Gardeners of St Oswald's Church, Cllr R Stewart Second the proposal.

Cllr K Holgate proposed that the trophy be presented to Mr Mumby, Cllr N Arrand second the proposal.

Cllr Duffield's proposal was put to the vote and resulted 5 in favour, 4 against, Cllr Holgate's proposal was then put to the vote and resulted 4 in favour, 5 against.

**Resolved:** The Gardener's of St Oswald's Church will be presented with the Trophy at the January meeting, the clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

#### **151. SUB-COMMITTEE TO WORK WITH GARDENING CLUB**

At a previous meeting of the council it was proposed that we contact the gardening club to ask if they would be interested in working with the council concerning an allotment project, which they agreed to. The council were asked to nominate three councillors to work with the gardening club as representatives.

**Resolved:** Cllr's N Culpin, I Tonge and P Venum nominated themselves to represent the council, write to the gardening club to arrange a meeting to move forward with the project.

#### **152. SUB-COMMITTEES REQUIRED AMOUNT**

At last month's meeting Cllr R Stewart suggested to move business of the council quicker the council look at setting up sub-committees for planning, finance and recreation, Cllr J Smith proposed that the council look at this further and standing committee would report back to the council.

Cllr Smith reported that as the council held a pre-precept meeting, when it was brought to full council it was dealt with very quickly; sub-committees iron out all queries so business can be dealt with a lot quicker at full council.

Cllr R Stewart continued to express his opinion concerning sub-committees, Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council establish three sub-committees starting in May 2009, Cllr Holgate second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 4 in favour, 5 against, the proposal therefore failed.

### **153. POTENTIAL COMBINED FOOT AND CYCLE PATH**

Cllr Bailey stated that since the caravan park has been open a lot of people are walking into the village from the site, he asked the council if they would agree to a letter being sent to North Lincolnshire Council asking them to consider placing a footpath & cycle track from the entrance of the site to Park View, this would in turn encourage more people to come into the town. It was suggested that we invite the Crowle & Ealand Regeneration to get involved as they could get funding.

Cllr Bailey proposed that the council write to North Lincolnshire Council asking them to consider the above, Cllr Arrand second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** Write to North Lincolnshire Council concerning the footpath & cycle track.

### **154. GRANT AWARDING PROCEDURES**

The clerk circulated a proposal for Grant Awarding which included a draft application form and guidance information for applicants. The proposal was discussed and Cllr N Arrand proposed that the grant awarding scheme be adopted by the council, Cllr R Stewart second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour of the scheme.

**Resolved:** The council will adopt the new grant awarding scheme as of the 9<sup>th</sup> December 2008.

### **155. R WALLACE – SOIL AT CEMETERY**

Mr Wallace wrote to the council asking them to consider reinstating the soil area, to retain some of the soil needed for the topping up procedure. Cllr Duffield reported that it cost the council a lot of money previously to get a local farmer to remove soil that Mr Wallace left under the hedge at the cemetery and the present arrangements are working well. Cllr R Stewart stated that the soil required should be held in a designated area.

Cllr Duffield proposed that the current arrangements are working well and the council look at it further in the new year, Cllr Smith second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 5 in favour, 4 against.

Cllr R Stewart proposed a proper retention spot and management of the soil be operated at the undertakers expense, Cllr Holgate second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 4 in favour, 5 against, Cllr Stewart's proposal failed.

**Resolved:** Write to Mr Wallace informing him of the council's decision.

### **156. NEIGHBOURHOOD ACTION TEAM MEETING DATES**

**Resolved:** To be noted:

### **157. CPRE MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL**

It was reported that the renewal fee this year is £28, Cllr Duffield proposed that the council renew the membership, Cllr Venum second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** Renew the CPRE membership for 2009

**158. EALAND PLAYING FIELD**

Cllr Bailey reported that he has been asked by the Friends of Ealand Committee to join the committee, which he has agreed to do. The town council nominated the Friends of Ealand for the Environment Awards held by North Lincolnshire Council which were presented at Pittwood House on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December and the mayor was pleased to report that the friends of Ealand came first and won the award.

At present the Friends of Ealand are putting together a plan for a toddler friendly area at the park, which they will present to the council in due course.

The mayor congratulated the friends of Ealand for winning the Environment Award.

**159. PRECEPT 2009/2010**

Cllr Rhodes discussed the figures which have been revised due to the pre-precept meeting held on the 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2008. It was proposed the council have a precept of £61000.00, all councillors voted in favour.

**Resolved:** After full consideration it was resolved that the following figures are approved for 2009/2010, and the town council precept will be £61000.00

**Income**

Anticipated opening balance at 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009	1700.00
Precept	61000.00
Contracts	1450.00
Burials/Memorials	3000.00
Bank Interest	280.00

<b><u>Total Resources</u></b>	<b><u>67520.00</u></b>
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**Expenditure**

Salary - Town Handyman	12000.00
Salary - Town Clerk	7366.00
Insurances	2050.00
Accounts Audit	1500.00
Advertising	340.00
Office Equipment	175.00
Stationery	500.00
Sundry Expenses	250.00
Telephone/Fax	550.00
Cemetery Telephone	300.00
CCTV Cameras	7800.00
Playscheme	1800.00
Mayoral Allowance	580.00
Council Tax	4000.00
Water Rates	480.00
Electricity	450.00
Gas	450.00
Repairs/Maintenance	750.00
Fuel	650.00
Tractor Repairs	750.00
Donations	2000.00

**159. PRECEPT 2009/2010 CONT:**

Section 137	3500.00
National Insurance	1872.00
Income Tax	1712.00
Capital Works	10000.00
Waste Collection	350.00
Play Area Maintenance	4000.00
<b>Total Expenditure</b>	<b>66179.00</b>

**160. STOP THE DROP LITTER AND FLY TIPPING**

Cllr Duffield asked the council to support this project, he reported that the streets of Crowle are in need of an urgent clean up before Christmas, there is a lot of litter, bottles and cans on the side streets. Cllr R Stewart stated that the litter is dropped by residents and suggested an Anti Litter Campaign. Cllr Venum stated that some areas have wardens that give out on the spot fines. Cllr R Stewart stated that he would take the tool kit for the above project home and look at it and report back to the council.

**161. CROWLE COMMUNITY HUB**

Cllr Arrand reported concerning an email from Bryan Lawrence, councillors do not agree with any content of the email except the reference to creating a safety zone on Windsor Road for the Crowle Primary School. It was suggested that the council write to North Lincolnshire Council concerning introducing a similar safety zone to the one at Wharf Road for the North Axholme School, and write to Crowle Primary School asking if they would be willing to get involved and support a safety zone.

**Resolved:** Write to North Lincolnshire Council and Crowle Primary School concerning the above.

**162. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS**

The following highway matters were raised:

1. Windsor Lane – Dangerous loose kerb adjacent to Windsor Turn first reported 8 months ago.
2. Drains along footpaths are still blocked all over the High Street.
3. Windsor Road needs to be salted for school run, little child nearly killed as a van doing 10mph slipped on the ice and went towards the family, worst road in Crowle as well as Godnow Road for ice on the road it is also a bus route for school run.
4. Bourne Court – Urgent signs needed for “Parking for Residents Only”

**163. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

1069	Inland Revenue	324.53
1070	North Lincolnshire Council	37.80
1071	Wickstead Leisure	198.00
1072	Brunel Engraving	184.77
1073	P Hinds	330.00
1074	North Lincolnshire Council	66.76
1075	D Ibbotson	262.33

**Bacs Payments**

British Telecom	25.02
Npower	12.34
Concept Websites	23.50
Yorkshire Water	9.75

**164. CEMETERY INSPECTION**

The mayor reported that he has arranged a cemetery inspection for Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December to look at potential for some tree pruning and to discuss the urgent work that is needed on the chapels to make them water tight.

Cllr Duffield expressed his views on removing trees in the cemetery, he stated that he was in the cemetery at the time when Paul Hinds was with the tree surgeon discussing the pruning of the trees, when the tree surgeon left Paul informed Brian that the tree surgeon advised not to touch the trees. Cllr Bailey stated that he had spoken to Paul concerning removing some of the lower branches to release light and some of the trees are too close together and some could be removed in between.

Cllr Duffield stated that Crowle Cemetery is one of the few cemeteries that still allow disabled badge holders to drive into the cemetery, Cllr Duffield stated that while he was in the cemetery there were quite a few younger residents driving into the cemetery and suggested that the council place a notice at the entrance of the cemetery stating the following:  
VEHICLE RESTRICTION, STRICTLY DISABLED BADGE HOLDERS ONLY WITHIN THE CEMETERY GROUNDS.

**Resolved:** The council agreed to the above action.