

# CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Hub on 9<sup>th</sup> February 2010

PRESENT. Cllr N Culpin, Mayor, presiding

Cllr:     B Duffield     G Da Costa     K Holgate     R Stewart     J Reed  
          T Barker        J R Smith

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: N Arrand - Away

P Venum – Unwell

F J Rhodes

H S Osborne

C Stewart

M Bailey – Other Commitments

I Mason

## 148/10. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following councillors declared an interest in the agenda items listed:

Cllr T Barker – Agenda Item 7 – Planning Applications

Cllr R Stewart – Agenda Item 15 – Highway, Footpath & Streetlighting Matters

## 149/10. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

## 150/10. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The mayor reported that he had been invited to attend the following functions:

1. Lincoln Cathedral – Arch Bishop of Canterbury Civic Service, 6<sup>th</sup> March
2. Civic Dinner, Normanby Hall, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2010.

## 151/10. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> January 2010, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read.

Resolved: That the said minutes be approved and signed as a true record.

## 152/10. MATTERS ARISING.

### 139/10 Matter Arising – 104 Allotments

Cllr Stewart reported that a meeting between the Town Council, Allotments Society and the land owner has now taken place; a follow up meeting has been arranged for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February. They have also received a second offer of land within the town. Cllr Stewart stated that it is really impressive how things have progressed so quickly.

**152/10. MATTERS ARISING CONT:****125/09 Friends of Ealand**

Cllr Reed reported that work is still in progress, the weather has delayed things, it is 90% completed. Once everything has been completed they will leave the site for two weeks to try and dry it out, before they begin to re-turf the areas needed etc. Cllr Reed stated that she would put a sign in place to warn that the site is not serviceable.

**128/09 Councillor Surgery**

Cllr Stewart asked if a rota for the surgery had been completed, the mayor stated that it has been completed and advertised.

**153/10. DEAN NIXON, NX1 (UK) - CCTV**

The mayor welcomed Dean to the meeting; Cllr Barker explained the problems that have occurred due to them being on a patrol system, they seem to be moving quite quickly, Cllr Barker asked Dean if it would be possible to alter the patrol. Dean explained the situation, and stated that if the council give him a plan of where they want the cameras to look he would be willing to go and sit in the monitoring centre to help set them up, providing the centre was in agreement.

It was stated that the images from the camera on the Community Hub are very poor due to the lack of light on Church Street. Cllr Stewart asked what could be done to improve this matter. Dean explained that Infra-red lights could be fitted which would reach 150 metres, he stated that he had some in storage and the council could try them to see if the problem is solved, he would also be willing to fit them.

It was stated that the cameras in the Market Place need to cover the main working area, Dean informed the council of the recent problems that have occurred in relation to the cameras and BT box within the Market Place.

Cllr Barker stated that they are monitoring the monitoring centre as a result of recent events. Dean stated that signs need to be put in place informing people that CCTV is in operation, but the wording must be correct, he reported that he would look into this matter and get back to the clerk with the correct wording.

**Resolved:** The council agreed for Dean to put the Infra-red lights up as soon as possible.

**154/10. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING**

2010/0079 – Construction of residential dwelling house to replace temporary Building (re-submission of PA/2009/0700) – Marshgate Farm Marsh Road, Crowle.

**No Observations:**

2010/0083 – Outline planning permission to erect three dwellings with all Matters reserved for subsequent approval – Formally Outgate Farm, 48 Outgate, Ealand.

**No Observations:**

**154/10. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONT:****Applications granted:**

- 2009/1402 – Erect a single storey rear extension including part of demolition of Prep room, cellar and store at Red Lion Hotel, 36 North Street, Crowle.
- 2009/1422 – Part demolition of prep room, cellar and store at Red Lion Hotel, 36 North Street, Crowle.
- 2009/1396 – Erect an industrial unit at Phoenix Properties, Old Route of A161 South of Crowle, Crowle.

**155/10. CORRESPONDENCE****(a)Leader Newsletter****Resolved:** To be noted:**(b)ERNLLCA Newsletter****Resolved:** To be noted:**(c)Ian Cawsey Reply – Highway Encroachments****Resolved:** To be noted:**(d)Local Action Taken to Manage Flood Risk****Resolved:** To be noted:**(e)Free Fundraising Workshops****Resolved:** To be noted:**(f)Walking for Health****Resolved:** To be noted:**156/10. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES****Cemetery House**

Cllr Da Costa stated that work is now near completion, the main item left to pay for is the decorating. As a result of extra costs due to damp proof and plastering, the working party would like to ask for a further two thousand pounds to complete the project, this will cover the decorating. Cllr Duffield stated that he would like to see the conservatory floor tiled, which was agreed. The mayor personally thanked the councillors who have been involved and helped complete that project.

Cllr Barker proposed that the request for further funds of £2000.00, along with an extra £500 to cover the cost of tiling the conservatory floor, be agreed with thanks given to all councillors involved, Cllr Duffield second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** The council agreed a further £2500.00 towards the refurbishment of the Cemetery House.

**156/10. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES CONT:**

Cllr Duffield reported that he had attended a meeting where he was speaking to a North Lincolnshire councillor about concerns the council have in relation to social housing, Cllr Duffield explained the background.

As a result of the conversation he was told not to believe what he told, and need to be on our guard.

Cllr Barker stated that Yorkshire Forward have got no plans for Social Housing, discussions took place concerning previous meetings held with Marcus Walker. Cllr R Stewart reported concerning an article he had seen on the news in relation to housing.

Cllr Reed stated that the council should continue to fight on the grounds of insufficient infrastructure whatever type of housing development it is. Discussions also took place concerning the village schools and the very poor off-stead report at North Axholme School.

**Resolved:** Place village schools on the next agenda.

**Crowle & Ealand Playing Field**

Cllr R Stewart stated that the playing field is completely dominated by football, the vision of a flood lit all weather sports centre has been lost, Crowle & Ealand Playing Field Association are just not interested, they have also lost revenue from the Dance Academy, which is over £300 a week.

**Council Car Park**

The mayor reported that two quotes for re-surfacing the car park have been received, due to present strict regulations concerning disabled access, it was agreed not to go ahead with a disabled ramp with railings at this present time, as this would mean the council would need to carry out drastic alterations within the council building. Cllr Culpin proposed that the council accept the quote for £2900.00, Cllr Da Costa second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 7 in favour, 1 abstained.

**Resolved:** The clerk to inform the contractor that work can begin at their next convenience.

**157/10. TRAFFIC COMMISSIONERS**

It was reported that a petition has been formed in relation to the recent planning application for the change of use of agricultural field to agricultural field for commercial storage of hay, straw and grass to be used for renewable energy at Godnow Road; residents have also had a meeting with Mike Welton. Cllr Barker stated that the Traffic Commissioner is a separate matter and the planners are dealing with this matter.

Cllr Duffield stated that the Traffic Commissioner will be reviewing the operating centre in April, the council need to write expressing their views, Cllr Duffield explained the background, and reported that written in the planning application it states that the field across from the site is commercial, as far as the council are aware it has never been commercial, Cllr Barker stated that enforcement officers are aware and dealing with the matter.

**Resolved:** The council agreed for Cllr Duffield to work with the clerk to draft a letter to be sent to the Traffic Commission and Mike Welton.

### **158/10. ROSPA INSPECTION TRAINING COSTS**

Cllr Reed put some information together concerning this matter, which the clerk previously circulated to each councillor. Cllr Reed reported that there is an option to train 6 people on site for £780 for the day, and is valid for three years, they can sit an exam but she feels that this would not be necessary, unless an individual wishes to carry this out and pay the £60 exam fee.

Cllr Smith stated that if you don't do the exam you don't get a certificate, Cllr Reed reported that you get a certificate of attendance.

Cllr Reed proposed that Rospa carry out the annual inspections and risk assessments, which would cost the council £83.00 for the year, if the council fit in with when their inspector is in our area.

Cllr Reed proposed that six people take the Rospa training, the clerk was asked to put a letter of interest together and pass to each councillor, Cllr R Stewart second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** A letter of interest in Rospa Training is sent to all councillors, it was also stated that the tender for ground maintenance needs to be sorted out as soon as possible.

### **159/10. CEMETERY HOUSE RENTAL AGREEMENT**

**Resolved:** To be noted, the council agreed to use Grice & Hunter as previously proposed.

### **160/10. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS**

The following highway matters were raised:

1. Pot holes Fieldside and Wharf Road need urgent attention.

Cllr Duffield reported that the issue of litter within the streets is still a major problem, and asked if it would be possible to request North Lincolnshire Council get another street cleaner 3-4 half days a week to keep on top of the litter.

Cllr Stewart stated that he suggested an Anti Litter Campaign some time ago to get the community involved; getting North Lincolnshire Council to invest more money in the project suggested by Cllr Duffield in this current climate would fail.

Cllr Barker stated that what both councillors say are good ideas, a request would need to be reported to Andy Long's department.

Cllr Da Costa proposed that a letter be sent to request another street cleaner and if the council get no response, they then look further at Cllr R Stewarts suggestion, the community service people could be included.

Cllr Barker reported concerning the conservation area within Crowle, and the Article 4, he stated that Crowle does not have an Article 4, further discussions took place concerning the enforcement and retrospective planning within conservation areas.

**161/10. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

A Wilson	Roof/Gutters – Cemetery House	2280.00	1220
Inland Revenue	Tax & Nat Ins	149.22	1222
Npower	Cemetery House	15.20	1223
North Lincolnshire Council	Council Tax Cemetery	217.79	1224
Crowle Wharf	Bushes for Swings (Ealand)	58.75	1225
NX1 (UK) Ltd	Maintenance Visit	287.50	1226
Bell Waste Control	Skip Hire	170.38	1227
Mick Marshall	Cemetery House	2104.00	1228

**Bacs Payments**

British Telecom	Office	50.56	
Concept Websites	Hosting fee	23.50	

**Payments Received**

R Wallace	Burials	420.00	
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