

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Resource Centre on 13th January 2009

PRESENT. Cllr M Bailey, Mayor, presiding

Cllr: B Duffield R Stewart P Venum N Arrand K Holgate
 N Culpin T Barker H S Osborne I Mason

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: G DaCosta – Work commitments

C Stewart – Unwell

J R Smith – Unwell

NON-ATTENDANCE from the following Cllr's: F J Rhodes, I Tonge

166. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

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

Cllr T Barker – Agenda item 7 – Planning applications

Cllr M Bailey – Agenda item 13 – Friends of Ealand Park

Agenda item 21 – Accounts for payment chq no1079

167. PUBLIC FORUM.

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

168. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Mayor reported that he has received the following invitations:

1. To attend a Civic Service for Bottesford Town Council on the 15th March 2009
2. To attend a Charity Dinner at the Wortley Hotel on the 7th February 2009.

169. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 9th December 2008, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, subject to the following amendments, agenda item 161. Crowle Community Hub should read Cllr Arrand reported concerning an email from Brian Lawrence not received by. The minutes should state Cllr M Bailey Mayor presiding not Deputy Mayor. Agenda Item 155 should read Cllr R Stewart's proposal failed not Cllr Holgate's.

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

170. MATTERS ARISING.**151. Sub-committee to work with Gardening Club.**

It was reported that the council are waiting for a meeting date to move forward with the project.

171. DOCTOR JOHN BRUCE TROPHY PRESENTATION

The Mayor welcomed the gardeners of St Oswald's Church to the meeting; he read out some of the nomination letters that the council received for the gardeners. The mayor reported on the continuing good work that they do and stated that he has never seen the gardens untidy in summer or winter.

Mr Dave Till reported that they couldn't do it without the team and it has been hard work but worth every minute. Mr Till thanked the council and the members of public who nominated them.

The mayor presented the trophy to Mr Dave Till, Colin Pidd, Freda Pidd, Lee Pidd and Amie Jackson and once again congratulated them on all there brilliant work.

172. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2008/1711 – Planning permission to erect sixteen apartments and bungalows – Manor Gardens off Vicars Walk, Crowle.

Support Application:

2008/1722 – Planning permission to retain domestic double garage – 12 Wyvern Close, Crowle.

Objections were raised on the following grounds: See attached Letter

Link extension – 1 Mulberry Drive, Crowle.

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1. Proposed development is not in keeping with the surrounding area.

2008/1634 - Planning permission to replace pavilion – Crowle Bowls Club, Church Lane, Crowle.

Support Application:

2008/1742 – Planning permission to change use of annex to bed and breakfast Accommodation – 2 Church Lane, Crowle.

Support Application:

2008/1534 – Planning permission to change use of farm building to domestic use – 72 Outgate, Ealand.

No Observations:**Applications granted:**

2008/1360 – Retain timber decking at The White Hart, 98 High Street, Crowle.

2008/1359 – Retain timber decking at The White Hart, 98 High Street, Crowle.

2008/1629 – Erect office and storeroom extension at North Axholme School, Wharf Road, Crowle.

173. EALAND PARK

The Mayor reported that the Friends of Ealand Park have now received a quote concerning the toddler friendly area proposed for Ealand Park which was around £9000.00; they are proposing to move some of the original equipment also put in place toddler friendly fencing. They attended another meeting and Yorkshire Forward was present, which they received an offer of £8000.00 from Yorkshire Forward for the proposed plan. As the play area is the property of the council they need the council's permission to go ahead, they are not looking to take over responsibility of the park that will remain with the town council.

It was reported that they have also received donations from the Regeneration Group and the Masonic towards the refurbishment.

Resolved: The council is happy to give them permission to move forward with the project.

The mayor reported that Wickstead has now completed their inspection at Ealand Park and Johnson's lane Play area. They reported that the chains on both swings need to be taken down which the council has complied to.

174. JOHNSON'S LANE PLAYING FIELD

It was reported that Robinson's Solicitors have now completed a draft lease for Manor Park; the clerk suggested that she sends a copy of the lease to the Manor Park committee for them to look over and make any comments, queries before the next council meeting.

Cllr N Culpin asked if there would be any funding available from the proposed Manor Gardens development under section 106 as a community project.

It was stated that Cllr N Arrand has previously put together a business plan which Cllr Barker put to Yorkshire Forward who reported that it was a very good business plan and they would be willing to support the project.

Cllr N Arrand asked if Cllr Barker would be able to get a copy of the business plan back from Yorkshire Forward, Cllr Barker will look into this matter.

Cllr B Duffield asked if the enthusiasm was still there within the committee to move the project forward.

Resolved: A meeting date to be arranged with Manor Park Committee to discuss the lease.

175. STAFF REPORTING SYSTEM/EMPLOYEES CODE OF CONDUCT

Cllr R Stewart reported that aspects of business carried out within the council should be standard practice and he asked if the council have them in place, if not they should put them in place. Cllr Stewart asked if an annual review of performance for its employees was in place, Cllr Bailey stated that he was currently in the process of carrying out the annual appraisals.

It was asked if the council have a current employee's code of conduct outlining how employees should act.

It was suggested this be looked at further and the council contact North Lincolnshire Council to obtain a copy of their employees code of conduct to be adopted by the council.

Resolved: Contact North Lincolnshire Council for a copy of their employees code of conduct.

176. FRIENDS OF EALAND PARK/GREEN SPACE POLICY

Cllr R Stewart reported that the queries he was planning to raise have already been Discussed at agenda item 9, should the council agree the proposed toddler friendly area at Ealand Park, what level of involvement does the Friends of Ealand want to have?

Resolved: The maintenance and upkeep of the play area will remain the town council's responsibility.

177. STOP THE DROP PROPOSED ACTION PLAN

It was reported that the friends of Ealand have got involved with the big clean up which will be carried out on the 21st January between 10am-3pm. Cllr R Stewart reported that at last month's meeting the council discussed the campaign to Protect Rural England, Stop the Drop, the CPRE are pushing for the support of the project. Cllr Stewart suggested that the council could make it an all day action day throughout the community; this will be an ongoing educational project.

Cllr B Duffield stated that he supports everything that Cllr Stewart has said, and reported that the High Street is litter picked every day but the rest of Crowle is ignored such as Godnow Road, Johnson's Lane, Potts Lane and Lindum Grove they are in a disgusting state. The western side is the worst effect area with bottles, carrier bags stuck in hedges etc.

Unfortunately no one enjoys cleaning up litter but sadly it is the only long term solution. Cllr Duffield fully supports litter picking days and if North Lincolnshire Council hasn't got the facilities or resources to keep Crowle litter picked then they should seek contractors to carry out the work.

Cllr Stewart stated that by in large it is the people of Crowle who put the litter there; there would be an opportunity to make this a community event and show a degree of pride.

Cllr N Arrand stated that the problem is easily solved by employing a man with a brush, shovel and barrow; the job would then be done properly.

Cllr Duffield proposed that North Lincolnshire Council carry out their statutory duty to clean the streets of Crowle, Cllr N Culpin second the proposal, Cllr N Arrand requested an amendment that a man with a brush, shovel and barrow be put in place, there was no seconder for Cllr Arrand's amendment which therefore failed. Cllr Duffield's proposal was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous decision in favour.

Resolved: Cllr Duffield's proposal was agreed unanimously by the council.

178. SINGLE EQUALITY SCHEME

Resolved: To be noted

179. ISLE OF AXHOLME POLICE AUTHORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL MEETING

Resolved: To be noted

180. COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL CODE OF RECOMMENDED PRACTICE ON LOCAL AUTHORITY.

Cllr P Venum stated that as councillors they should all read the document as it contains a lot of information. The council needs to get up to date with what is happening.

Resolved: Download a copy of the policy from the North Lincolnshire Council website and give each councillor a copy.

181. QUALITY COUNCIL MINUTES FOR APPROVAL

The mayor reported concerning the meeting and read through the minutes, he stated that the council need to look further at the website, the computer upstairs in the council office is now up and running.

It was stated that they are looking at a newsletter going out from the council as there are a lot of positive projects going through at present, a newsletter will inform the community of what is happening.

The CCTV problems were also discussed; Cllr T Barker will check the progress concerning the second camera.

Cllr P Venum reported that he will be putting together a draft newsletter, which he thinks should include a profile of council members including what committees they are involved in on behalf of the council. Cllr Venum asked if it would be ok to mention a possibility of a Parish Plan in the newsletter. The council agreed that it would be ok to include.

Resolved: The minutes were agreed as a true record.

182. COUNTY CRICKET IN SOUTH AFRICA

The council has received a letter from Alex Fletcher who has been selected to represent the County at Cricket in South Africa in December 2009; he is looking for the council to offer any sponsorship that may be available.

The matter was discussed and Cllr N Arrand proposed that the council offer an individual sponsorship for his kit of £100.00, Cllr I Mason second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: The council agreed to sponsor Alex Fletcher and make a donation of £100.00 for his kit, write to Alex Fletcher informing him of the council's decision.

183. CEMETERY

It was reported that Paul Hinds has looked at the trees with a tree surgeon who has advised that the council do not touch the trees as this may de-stable them.

The resident who has made complaints to the council concerning the trees has removed some hedgerows to open up the area; their back garden is now in full view of the cemetery.

Cllr Duffield reported that when they removed the hedgerows some of the trees have already been damaged. Cllr Barker will ask Tim Allen at North Lincolnshire Council how the council stand with the Enclosure Acts.

Resolved: The council to get a written report from a tree surgeon concerning any further removal of trees

183. CEMETERY CONT:

The mayor reported that the council need to deal with the two chapels, copings need to be re-bedded, the windows need repairing and the guttering needs cleaning and repairing where necessary.

Resolved: Request three sealed bids for the work to be carried out.

184. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised:

1. Drains along High Street are STILL blocked
2. Drain on Church lane off Cross Street is blocked
3. Drains blocked along Church Street and Church Lane
4. 64 Eastoft Road – Flooding into garden has been reported over 9 months and needs urgent attention.

Cllr N Arrand reported numerous complaints concerning dog fouling along the High Street, Cllr R Stewart reported that as a regular dog walker the problem is not isolated to the High Street it is all over the Village.

Cllr T Barker informed the council that there is a slot at North Lincs full council for Parish/Town Councils to attend the meeting to ask questions.

185. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

1078	Inland Revenue	350.01
1079	M Bailey	44.03
1080	CPRE Membership	28.00
1081	Cfassest	226.20
1082	Office Friends	98.57

Bacs Payments

British Telecom	45.48
Concept websites	23.50

Payments Received

R Wallace	220.00
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