

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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

PRESENT. Cllr M Bailey, Town Mayor, presiding

Cllr:	B Duffield	F J Rhodes	H S Osborne	K Holgate	R Stewart
	P Vernum	G DaCosta	T Barker	N Culpin	N Arrand

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: I Mason, I Tonge, J R Smith, C Stewart

38. PUBLIC FORUM

The mayor reported that the following residents wish to speak at this point of the meeting: Mrs Shelia Walshe, Mr John Clarke and Mr Jim Jewels.

Mr Jim Jewels reported that the bench seating in Crowle near Londis is very dangerous and needs urgent repairs. Mr Jewels went on to report concerning the survey that has been carried out concerning the chapels and he thinks the council may be jumping the gun a bit. He stated that it would cost in the region of £6000 for scaffolding which would then need to be inspected on a regular basis, he reported that he would be willing to meet with councillors and pay for his own survey to be carried out. He would also prefer the council to get tenders for the garage locally.

Mrs Shelia Walshe reported concerning the proposed New Year North Lincolnshire Housing Development Plan, stating earlier in the year Mr Marcus Walker the Strategic Planning Manager for North Lincolnshire Council attended a meeting of Crowle Town Council re: 15 year local plan. He re-iterated Cllr T Barker's earlier advice, that Crowle Town Council had the option of continuing at the present rate of building new housing estates, or opting for the lower classification, that being, single, double or small clusters of new homes. It was described at the meeting, as probably one of the most important decisions Crowle Town Council would ever make. What progress has been made regarding this development plan to date? Mrs Walshe feels along with other families of young children in Crowle, that we shouldn't be building at such an alarming rate, where the infrastructure is at present not able to sustain what we have already schools, doctors, leisure facilities.

Mr John Clarke reported concerning an article that he read in the Epworth Bells with interest, which he read out to the council. He reported he was a resident of Luddington and it states in the article that maximum funding is available and it has been suggested that the funding be used for a leisure centre in Crowle. He stated that the other areas of the Isle would also be affected, why should Crowle benefit from the whole of the funding available. Mr Clarke's comments were duly noted.

39. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

The following councillor's reported an interest in the agenda items listed:

1. Cllr T Barker – Planning Applications

40. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

1. Brigg Mayors invite to four events

41. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th June 2008, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, subject to the amendment at minute item 28, that Cllr R Stewart read out questions he asked Ian Goldthorpe, should read that Cllr R Stewart read out questions asked by the town council.

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

42. MATTERS ARISING.**8. Johnson's Lane Playing Field**

It was reported that the convenient is now in the solicitors hands and the clerk will report back to the council once she has received the solicitor's comments.

30. Regen Way

It was reported that the steps need urgent maintenance; the clerk will email Andy Long to make sure the work is carried out.

31. CCTV

It was reported that there has been a hold up at North Lincolnshire Council concerning the planning for the second camera which is delaying things. Cllr R Stewart reported that there have been some incidents in the Market Place that have not been picked up, and asked if it would be possible to get some feedback from the monitoring centre.

Resolved: Contact Jenny Couch to make form arrangements for councillor's to visit the monitoring centre.

43. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2008/0856 – Planning permission to construct a vehicular access – 21 Godnow Road, Crowle.

No Observations:

2008/0990 – Planning permission to extend roof to form second floor bedroom – 77 Wharf Road, Crowle.

No Observations:

Applications granted:

2008/0653 – Erect a two storey extension at 19 Southfield Road, Crowle.

2008/0573 – Erect a sunroom at 17 Kings Croft, Ealand, Crowle.

2008/0621 – Erect a domestic garage to be attached to existing barn at Cherry Tree Farm, Johnson's Lane, Crowle.

2008/0424 – Provide (and retain an existing number of) verandas and decking adjacent to Existing static caravans at 7 Lakes Country Park, Wharf Road, Ealand, Crowle.

Applications Refused:

2008/0417 – Erect 15 dwellings at land adjacent to Windsor Crescent, Crowle.

43 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONT:

Cllr R Stewart reported concerning planning application 2008/0424, the council have received a letter from the owner of Seven Lakes stating that the landscape will be included in the above application, Cllr R Stewart has looked through the application and cannot find any reference to landscaping. Cllr T Barker stated that part of the acceptance was that screening would be put in place, and the owner must submit a plan of screening within a certain period of time, then he has 12 months to carry out the work.

Cllr F J Rhodes stated that without a re-submission how can they change the original planning application of 1985, which was subject to screening within 12 months, local committees have spent their own money screening the area.

Cllr N Culpin reported concerning the old Granny Annie's sweet shop, the shop is within a conservation area, the new owners have placed a brown PVC bay window and a white PVC door to the property. Planning should have been applied for, as a council we need to contact North Lincolnshire Council for an explanation.

Resolved: Write to North Lincolnshire Council planning department concerning the above matters and ask for a reply within 21 days.

The mayor read out an email sent to the council asking for an explanation concerning planning application 2008/0816. Cllr F J Rhodes reported that the application was taken on its own merit and the council should write back explaining that they only make recommendations, it is down to the local authority to make a final decision and they would need to contact them. North Lincolnshire Council has got planning records for previous applications on file.

44. IAN GOULDTHORPE – SEVEN LAKES

The mayor made a ruling that the press and public will be excluded from agenda item 8; it was therefore moved to the end of the meeting.

45. REPRESENTATIVE FOR WINDFARM COMMITTEE

Cllr B Duffield explained to the council why he feels the committee is a good thing, he reported that the money available should be given to local communities; he will be fighting for funding for all Town, Parish councils.

Cllr F J Rhodes proposed that Cllr B Duffield represent the council on the Windfarm Committee, Cllr H S Osborne second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Cllr P Venum suggested that the council have a deputy who could attend when Cllr B Duffield is unavailable. It was agreed that Cllr N Culpin would be the deputy.

46. ENCROACHMENTS

Cllr N Arrand reported concerning the letter received by Simon Driver, it was stated that all the information was listed in Cllr N Arrand's emails.

Resolved: The clerk will write to Simon Driver giving him the information required and enclose all emails sent by Cllr N Arrand.

47. NORTH AXHOLME SCHOOL 50TH ANIVERSARY

The mayor reported that North Axholme School will celebrate their 50th Anniversary in September; the mayor proposed that the council present the school with a plaque or trophy to commemorate the occasion.

It was suggested that a trophy could be presented to the top student of Media Arts on an annual presentation. Cllr N Culpin reported that it would be more validated to the school rather than a top student.

Cllr P Venum suggested giving something to a pupil or group who have contributed to their community in some way.

Cllr F J Rhodes proposed that the council do the following:

1. Purchase a plaque to commemorate 50 years and it to be placed within the school.
2. A trophy to be presented to an individual or group for contribution to the community.

Cllr N Arrand second the proposal and also suggested that the council contact other councils to be involved and contribute to the trophy.

The proposal was put to the vote and resulted 10 in favour, 1 abstained.

Resolved: The plaque to be sorted out as soon as possible and the clerk to write to other councils as suggested.

48. CEMETERY CHAPELS

Cllr F J Rhodes showed the council a draft proposal for the location of the tractor garage, he reported that after looking further into the first proposal it was agreed that it would not work, an may disturb graves nearby. The base of the garage will need to be big enough to put a tool shed and COSSH store on it. The bin and seat will have to be moved to allow for the new proposed drive. The council will need to get at least two tenders for the garage and proposed new drive. Cllr F J Rhodes reported concerning the subsidence and bowing, and the tie bars need replacing, also there seems to be damage to some drains. It was reported that once the chapels have been cleared out a structural survey will need to be carried out. The council may need to look at purchasing scaffolding as it may be the cheaper option considering the length of time it will need to be put in place.

The mayor reported that he was concerned about the look of the new proposal. Cllr N Arrand asked if it would be cheaper to take the central arch down, Cllr F J Rhodes reported that it is not as simple as that, as it is built into the chapels.

If the council can get the chapels registered as a historic building there may be funds available to pay for the refurbishment, Cllr F J Rhodes stated that he would look into this matter. Cllr N Culpin stated that the council would need to apply for planning permission for the proposed garage.

49. ACTIVE CHOICES – ISLE OF AXHOLME NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN LAUNCH

Cllr R Stewart reported concerning a meeting he had attended, and the top priority was sports, leisure facilities for the area of Crowle. He stated that Crowle Town Council should be involved within this group.

Resolved: Cllr's R Stewart, N Culpin and P Venum will attend the Launch.

50. ERNLLCA TRAINING DATES

Resolved: To be noted:

51. PATIENT PARTICIPATION GROUP

Cllr N Arrand reported concerning a leaflet he had concerning the above and suggested that Crowle Town Council have a representative on the group.

The mayor suggested that we write to the practice manager to enquire if they would be willing to have a representative of Crowle Town Council on the group before electing someone.

Resolved: Write to the Practice Manager concerning the above.

52. BYWAY OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC 21 (CROOK O' MOOR ROAD) CROWLE.

The mayor read out a letter received by the council from the Regeneration group, they have applied to North Lincolnshire Council to place a hedge and have been told that they cannot get permission but the town council could apply for permission.

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the town council make due application for the hedge and then pass onto the Regeneration Project, Cllr P Venum second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Write to North Lincolnshire Council and the Regeneration concerning the above.

53. ERNLLCA – ANNUAL MEETING OF NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE DISTRICT COMMITTEE.

Resolved: To be noted:

54. VALIDATION OF PLANNING APPLICATIONS – PROPOSED LOCAL LIST OF INFORMATION REQUIREMENTS

Resolved: To be noted:

55. DEVELOPMENT DISCUSSION

The mayor explained the situation following a meeting of the council that Marcus Walker attended as to whether Crowle develops at a medium or small rate.

Cllr N Arrand proposed that the council become a medium development area, and then we may get the infrastructure to go with it. Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council go for small development as it is unlikely that we would receive the infrastructure, Cllr G DaCosta second Cllr R Stewart's proposal, as no one second Cllr N Arrand's proposal a vote was taken on Cllr Stewart's proposal and resulted 8 in favour, 1 against and 2 abstained.

Resolved: Write to Marcus Walker and copy the letter to Cllr T Barker.

56. ISLE OF AXHOLME POLICE AUTHORITY NEIGHBOURHOOD PANEL

Resolved: To be noted:

57. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised:

1. Drains still blocked around town.
2. Blocked drains – Windsor Road outside Crowle Primary School.
3. Regen Way steps A161 flyover to ground level – missing hand rail health and safety issues.
4. 62, 64, 66 Eastoft Road – Flooding off main road down private drives.
5. Junction off Hazel Avenue, Cross Slack overgrown blocking site line.

58. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

1015	Inland Revenue	269.31
1016	North Lincolnshire Council	275.87
1017	Concept Websites	23.50
1018	ADDPlant	45.47
1019	Godnow Road Playing Field	440.00
1020	Northcliffe Media	84.01
1021	Petty Cash	100.00