

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Hub on 10th March 2009

PRESENT. Cllr M Bailey, Mayor, presiding

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

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: C Stewart – Working Away
R Stewart – Unwell

NON-ATTENDANCE from the following Cllr's: I Tonge, I Mason

205. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

Cllr M Bailey – Agenda item 10 – Manor Park

Cllr T Barker – Agenda Items 7 – Planning Applications, Agenda item 14 – Windfarm,
Traffic Alterations

Cllr N Culpin – Agenda item 16 – Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society Grant Application

Cllr JR Smith – Agenda item 10 – Manor Park

206. PUBLIC FORUM

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

207. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

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

1. North Lincolnshire Council Civic Dinner.
2. Grimsby Band Concert
3. Civic Service at Bottesford.

208. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 10th February 2009, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, subject to the amendment that Cllr N Arrand said he would give councillors concerned a copy of the business plan concerning Manor Park, not all councillors.

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

209. MATTERS ARISING.**174. Johnson's Lane Playing Field**

Cllr J R Smith reported a meeting had been held in December and it was decided to hold another meeting in January to get more support, unfortunately only two people attended. Cllr Smith read out a letter to the council which was sent to the trustee's. Mr Parkin has replied stating he no longer wishes to be involved. Cllr Duffield state that he asked previously if the enthusiasm was still there.

199. Housing Development

Cllr Duffield asked that the council write back to Marcus Walker as we have still not received a reply concerning the previous letter sent to him.

Resolved: Councillors agreed to the above action.

200. Newsletter

It was asked if arrangements have now been put in place concerning the distribution of the newsletter. Cllr Venum reported that he has contacted Royal Mail but it is too expensive and suggested contacting the Target.

Resolved: Further investigations to take place concerning this matter.

210. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2009/0174 – Planning permission to site a rig for an appraisal bore hole with Associated Works – Land to the North of A161 Eastoft Road, Crowle.

No Observations:

2009/0175 – Planning permission to site a rig for an appraisal bore hole with Associated Works – Cottage Farm Access Road to Cottage Farm, Crowle.

No Observations:

2009/0152 – Notice of intention to carry out works to an Ash Tree within conservation Area – 27 Woodland Avenue, Crowle.

No Observations:

2009/0181 – Planning permission to site a rig for an appraisal bore hole with Associated Works – Land South West of Triangle Farm Access Road to Triangle Farm, Crowle.

No Observations:

2009/0247 – Consent to carry out works to a sycamore tree protected by a Tree Preservation (Crowle) Order 1971 – 16 The Paddocks, Crowle

No Observations:

Applications granted:

2008/1742 – Change the use of annex to bed and breakfast accommodation at 2 Church Lane, Crowle.

211. MEDGEHALL, NETWORK RAIL

David McDonald from Carillion attended the council meeting concerning the civil engineering project at Medgehall which is due to start on the 21st June till the 7th September. They have examined various routes to the site; Network Rail prepared a document suggesting a one way scheme in and out of the site. The proposed route in will be Godnow Road, Windsor Road, Marsh Road and Marsh Road, Cross Street as the way out route.

Mr McDonald couldn't give a number as to the amount of wagons passing each day.

Cllr Rhodes stated that there are more suitable routes through Thorne. Crowle Town Council stated that the proposed routes were hugely unsuitable as the wagons will be using the main school routes, which already have major problems with cars parking, Marsh Road is the main road where people walk their dogs including disabled residents, what happens to them. Mr McDonald said that passing points will be put in place. The route along Cross Street is already a dangerous passing point for cars.

Cllr Barker reported that a meeting has been held with Carillion and North Lincolnshire Council Officers, other routes have been discussed, and in fairness Mr McDonald is working for Network Rail and it is them who have not consulted with the community concerning their proposed routes.

The mayor thanked Mr McDonald for attending the meeting.

Resolved: Crowle Town Council stated that the routes were totally unacceptable and every effort is made to re-route through Thorne. A safety alert to be sent to each school and a letter to Network Rail with the above comments.

212. WINDFARM, TRAFFIC ALTERATIONS

Cllr Duffield explained the background relating the above, and stated that at the public enquiry the developers gave their assurance that they could successfully complete the project with all construction traffic being routed via the purpose built road off the A18 at Pilfrey. At a Windfarm meeting held at Pittwood House suspicions were confirmed that lies had been told by announcing that they had no intention of following the assurances they made and in fact intended to route via both Crowle and Ealand.

Cllr Barker reported that North Lincolnshire Council has not received any application from any developers for transport plans, and stated elected members will have a say in the matter and the town council views will be heard.

Ian Cawsey carried out a survey in Ealand and he is totally against the movement. It was stated that the mayor is prepared to lead demonstrations to stop vehicular movement through the area.

Cllr Culpin proposed that a letter be sent to Mark Kirk the Leader of North Lincolnshire Council stating the councils objections, Cllr Rhodes second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Write to Mark Kirk and send copies to Cllr John Briggs, Ian Cawsey MP and Cllr T Barker (Please see attached letter sent 19th March 2009).

213. EALAND PARK

Cllr Bailey reported concerning the development of the toddler friendly area, stating the fencing is corroded and there is a major gap at the end of the children's play area. It was asked if the council replace the fencing with original style fencing or continue with the same fencing that Wickstead put in place, which will be in keeping with the existing fencing. Cllr N Arrand proposed that the council continue with the same fencing that Wickstead put in place, Cllr G DaCosta second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Continue with the existing fencing.

214. MARKET PLACE CCTV

Cllr N Arrand stated that Mr John Briggs car was knocked in the Market Place, John Briggs contacted the monitoring centre and they reported that they had not seen anything as the camera does not see anything other than the Cross Keys, White Hart and Regen Shop. The camera is supposed to give a 360 degree cover but apparently does not. Cllr Barker stated that the cameras are manually operated, and was informed that there should have been two cameras put in place, it was questioned if the system has been affective and is it worth paying the extra expense to have a rotating camera.

Cllr Barker proposed that the council write to the monitoring centre for costings of an automatic patrol system along with the implications, Cllr Smith second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Write to the monitoring centre requesting the above information.

215. MANOR PARK

It was reported that efforts have been made to get local residents interested in the project, which have been unsuccessful, it was stated that we have two options the first to try and get residents interested again with better publicity, the second to get outside bodies to take over the committee for example the North Isle Partnership as they have professionals who sit on the committee. The mayor reported that you have to have a delivery group to approach them. Cllr Venum suggested that this be put on next month's agenda for further discussions.

Resolved: Put on April agenda.

216. CONSULTATION ISSUES RE: LOCAL DEVELOPMENTS PLANS

Resolved: Place on April agenda

217. WICKSTEAD INSPECTION REPORT/RISK ASSESSMENT

Resolved: Cllr Rhodes asked that any action already taken concerning the assessment be marked on the report. Place on April agenda for further discussion.

218. BARNARDO'S SOCIAL ENTERPRISE LINKING COMMUNITIES

Resolved: To be noted:

219. LINCOLN & LINDSEY BLIND SOCIETY GRANT APPLICATION

The council discussed the application, Cllr Rhodes stated that the council normally donate £100 and proposed that the council do the same this year, Cllr Holgate second the proposal which resulted 9 in favour and 2 abstained.

Resolved: The Lincoln & Lindsey Blind Society was awarded a grant of £100

220. CIVIL AVIATION

Resolved: Place on April agenda.

221. PROPOSED PUBLICATION SCHEME

Resolved: Place on April agenda

222. SCHOOLS FOR THE FUTURE

Cllr Bailey reported concerning the Schools for the Future meeting held at North Axholme School, the question of a merger was discussed. The council don't want a merger of schools, but any funds available to be put into the already existing schools.

Resolved: Send a letter to North Lincolnshire Schools for the Future Coordinator expressing the above views of the council.

223. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised:

1. 64 Eastoft Road – Flooding into garden has been reported over 9 months and needs urgent attention.
2. Shrubs on junction of Cross Street/Hazel Avenue require cutting back on corner.
3. The East pavement of the High Street needs urgent sweeping, particularly between the Hub and Chafor's corner littered with shattered glass.

224. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

1097	Inland Revenue	350.01
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Bacs Payments

British Telecom	46.42
British Telecom	75.75
N Power	186.92
Concept Website	23.00

In the view of the confidential nature of this agenda item, the council is invited to consider that it is in the public interest that the press and public temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw from the meeting.

225. POTENTIAL REDUNDANCY

In view of the confidential nature of this agenda item, the above matter was discussed with the exclusion of the press and public.