

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Town Council Office on 11th November 2008.

PRESENT. Cllr N Culpin, Deputy Mayor, presiding

Cllr:	J R Smith	R Stewart	P Vernum	G DaCosta
	N Arrand	F J Rhodes	I Mason	K Holgate
	C Stewart			

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: T Barker, M Bailey

120. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

The following councillor declared an interest in an agenda item:

Cllr J R Smith – Agenda item 8 – Johnson’s Lane Playing Field.

121 PUBLIC FORUM

The Deputy Mayor reported that the following residents wished to speak at this point of the meeting: Barrie Pollard, Mr John Carney

Mr Barrie Pollard: commented that although he understands that the office door has to be locked throughout the meeting due to the equipment in the office, he thinks it is very dangerous and fire hazards as you have to wait for the secretary to open the door.

Mr John Carney: reported concerning recent reports that proposals are in place to reinstate the Moors, this will mean lifting the water table and will result in the loss of 4 acres of land. It appears that all the work has been done with no consultation with residents. North Lincolnshire Council Officers have given permission to buy the land on the peat works, a large amount of money has been spent on the Moors by English Nature, would the money have been better spent. When planning comes up in Crowle, North Lincolnshire Council often refuses it due to flooding issues. Mr Carney thinks the council need to take more interest in what is happening.

122. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The Deputy Mayor reported that he had attended the Remembrance Sunday services at Ealand and Crowle.

123. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th October 2008, 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.

124. MATTERS ARISING.**72. Seven Lakes**

Cllr Venum asked if a meeting had been arranged with Mr Keedy, a meeting needs to be arranged before Christmas.

125. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2008/1523 – Planning permission to erect a detached house – Land Adjacent 7 Chancery Lane Crowle.

No Observations:

2008/1359 – Planning permission to retain timber decking – The White Hart, 96 High Street, Crowle.

No Observations:

Applications granted:

2008/1350 – Construct a new vehicular access at Cherry Tree House, Johnson’s Lane, Crowle.

2008/1212 – Erect 3 town houses and 1 pair of semi detached houses (re-submission P/A 2008/0771) at Plot at Former Coal Yard, Fieldside, Crowle.

126. CORRESPONDENCE**(a) Johnson’s Lane Playing Field**

Cllr Smith reported that it states in the report from Robinsons Solicitors that he has not seen the deeds for the land. The council could not find the deeds and applied to the Land Registry for title deeds which was granted.

The council gave £1000.00 to the Manor Park Fund to help with solicitors fees, they need to have right of occupation to move forward with grants, it was stated that there are other residents willing to join the Manor Park committee.

The Manor Park committee applied to become a charity which has been granted, Cllr Arrand prepared draft plans. The council need to put together a lease for the Manor Park Committee so they can move forward.

Cllr Rhodes stated that the council need to contact Robinsons Solicitors to draw up a draft lease.

Cllr R Stewart stated that while the draft lease is being drawn up the council should write to Manor Park outlining the council’s intentions, so that they can start moving forward, in recognition of the covenant the council should meet with the committee in January.

Resolved: The clerk to instruct Robinsons Solicitors to draw up a lease on the councils behalf.

127. DOCTOR JOHN BRUCE TROPHY

Cllr N Arrand nominated Ian Tonge for all his help in the floods and the use of his fire engines. Rodney Mumby was also nominated for all his work at the Ealand Victory Hall.

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council indulge in public nominations and place an advert in the local press, it could also be placed on the council website, Cllr Smith second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Place on next month’s agenda

128. RESOURCE FOR COMMUNITY BUILDINGS

Cllr R Stewart attended a meeting concerning the above; there is available money from different sources. There is money to help communities for improvements and facilities. The town council need not be alone in moving forward. Getting in partnership with Manor Park, Green Space and Allotments will improve funding.

Resolved: To be noted.

129. MAKING AND ENFORCING BYLAWS

The document was circulated to each councillor previous to the meeting, each question in the document needs answering separately. Cllr R Stewart reported that not a lot applied to the council, it would take half an hour to answer the questions.

Resolved: Put together a working body to answer the questions.

130. WICKSTEAD INSPECTION FEES

Cllr Rhodes proposed that the council pay the £110 for a full inspection and risk assessment, Cllr DaCosta second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

Resolved: Contact Wickstead to carry out the inspection as soon as possible.

131. PARKING PROVISIONS

Cllr R Stewart reported that the noticeable thing in the document was that rural areas get more generous parking facilities. and it would be nice to see a complimentary policy for transport. The parking provisions for new developments are to use off street parking, North Lincolnshire Council should be encouraged to enforce this issue.

Cllr Rhodes stated that some areas have no parking facilities, what happens when no off street parking are available. Cllr Smith reported that this is a future policy proposal.

Cllr R Stewart stated in conservation areas they will be strict about off street parking.

Resolved: Write to North Lincolnshire Council with comments.

132. DRAFT INTERIM DOCUMENT (PLANNING FOR RENEWABLE ENERGY DEVELOPMENTS

Resolved: To be noted

133. ALLOTMENTS

It was reported that the gardening club have replied to the council concerning the above, and are very interested in being involved with the project. Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council set up a sub-committee to work with the gardening club, Cllr Smith second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 4 in favour, 2 abstained and 2 against. The proposal was therefore passed.

Resolved: Set up a sub-committee to work with the gardening club, place on next month's agenda.

134. COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN QUESTIONNAIRE

The clerk circulated a questionnaire to all councillors previous to the meeting, it was agreed that the council send out the questionnaire. Cllr N Culpin stated that the Regeneration Group were sending out their news letter within the next few weeks and they would be willing to deliver the questionnaires at the same time. Cllr P Venum asked if the council members were fully aware of the emergency plan, all councillors stated they were.

135. COMMUNITIES IN CONTROL: REAL POWER: CODE OF CONDUCT FOR LOCAL AUTHORITY MEMBERS AND EMPLOYEES

Cllr R Stewart reported that he had read the document and it simplifies some of the rules and regulations from last year. Cllr N Culpin proposed that Cllr R Stewart puts a draft response together, which was agreed by the council.

Resolved: Cllr R Stewart will put together a draft response together.

136. CROWLE COMMUNITY RESOURCE CENTRE – CCTV EQUIPMENT

Cllr Rhodes went through the document from North Lincolnshire Council, Cllr Culpin stated that the council have put all measures in place on the agreement, it was suggested that the council instruct Robinsons solicitors to handle the legal side of the document.

Resolved: The clerk to contact Robinsons Solicitors to act on behalf of the council concerning the above.

137. ST OSWALD’S CHURCH CLOCK

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the St Oswald’s committee put together a project to work with the Heritage Society and they may receive a grant to carry out the work needed.

Cllr Venum stated that it is a very old system and the maintenance costs must be very expensive.

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council write to the church committee stating that they are willing to liaise with them but are unable to make any financial assistance at present, which the council agreed.

138. DELIVERY GROUP UPDATE

Cllr R Stewart reported that the meeting was a bit of a letdown and there was no progress to report at present. Plans have now been drawn up to enhance the Market Place but are on hold as to not all the properties that facilitate the plans are available. There is a meeting in January And the support of Yorkshire Forward is still guaranteed. Cllr Culpin asked if it would be possible for the council to receive a copy of the minutes from the last meeting.

139. REQUIRED NUMBER OF SUB-COMMITTEES FOR THE WORKING OF THE COUNCIL

Cllr R Stewart reported that the council try to run with 1 meeting a month and a lot of projects need to be dealt with, he feels the council would have more scope to have vested interest in projects if there were separate sub-committees to deal with e.g. Planning, Finance and Recreation.

Cllr P Venum stated that the council have problems arranging meetings and would benefit from allocated specific dates to meet on a regular basis.

It was asked if the council give the sub-committees full delegation, half delegation where they report back to the council for a decision.

Cllr Rhodes stated that it has always been a full council who make financial decisions etc; it should be a full council who make decisions on behalf of the community.

Cllr R Stewart stated that finance such as the precept will always be a full council decision, but sub-committees would get the business of the council done quicker.

Cllr Rhodes said that issues relating to Crowle should be delegated by a full council.

Cllr Smith proposed that the council look at this matter further, Cllr R Stewart second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted 4 in favour, 4 against and 1 abstained, the deputy mayor had a casting vote and vote in favour of the proposal.

Resolved: Cllr Smith's proposal was passed, the clerk to place this matter on next month's agenda.

140. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

The following highway matters were raised:

1. Drains still need attention all over the town.
2. 62, 64 Eastoft Road – Blocked drains between properties.

141. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

1056	Society of Local Council	132.00
1059	Inland Revenue	335.00
1060	CFasset	180.00
1061	S Croot	58.00
1062	Society of Local Council	80.75
1063	M Staniforth	25.36
1064/1065	Copier Systems	121.15
1066	Petty Cash	100.00

Bacs Payments

Concept Websites	23.50
Jetcard	15 41
British Telecom	49.14