

# CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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**MINUTES** of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Hub on 10<sup>th</sup> November 2009.

**PRESENT.** Cllr N Culpin, Mayor, presiding

Cllr:	B Duffield	P Venum	G Da Costa	N Arrand	I Mason
	K Holgate	F J Rhodes	M Bailey	R Stewart	J Reed

**APOLOGIES** for absence were received from Cllr: T Barker – Unwell  
H S Osborne – Other Commitments

**NON-ATTENDANCE** from the following Cllr's: J R Smith, C Stewart

## **99/09 DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE**

The clerk reported that Mrs Julie Reed has signed a Declaration of Office, and undertaken to return the completed Declaration, the mayor welcomed Julie to the town council.

**Resolved:** To be noted, Cllr Reed took her seat, to a warm welcome from her colleagues.

## **100/09. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.**

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

Cllr P Venum – Agenda item – Johnson's Lane Playing Field

Cllr R Stewart – Agenda Item – Johnson's Lane Playing Field

## **101/09. PUBLIC FORUM**

There were no members of the public wishing to speak.

## **102/09. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.**

The mayor reported that there were no announcements to report, and thanked the council for the get well card and phone calls throughout his recovery.

## **103/09. MINUTES**

The minutes of the meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009, copies here with, of which were previously circulated were taken as read, subject to the amendment at minute reference 88/09 (h) Tress at the Cemetery, no counter resolution was noted it should read that the council resolved to accept the North Lincolnshire Council Tree experts advice i.e. No further action is needed.

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

**104/09. MATTERS ARISING.****87/09 (a) Planning application for Recycling/Waste Station, Ealand**

Cllr Venum stated that in the minutes it states that he asked the question should full consultation of taken place; it should read should full consultation have taken place.

Cllr Venum also reported that he and Cllr R Stewart attended the Town/Parish Liaison meeting on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October and Planning Consultation is an issue being considered.

**89/09 Report Back from Outside Bodies****Allotments**

Cllr R Stewart reported that the Allotments meeting held on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November had been very successful, and as a result an Allotments Society Committee was formed and their first meeting will be held on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November.

**Friends of Ealand Park**

Cllr Reed reported that all funding for phase 2 has now been secured and the equipment will be ordered on Wednesday, hopefully work will begin in January.

**90/09 Surgery for Councillors**

Cllr R Stewart Reported that the first surgery was held on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> October and there was one customer, which is better than none, and the matter discussed, was the Recycling/Waste Station at Ealand.

**94/09 Council Office**

It was stated that Cllr Duffield has given the clerk the measurements of the car park, Cllr Rhodes proposed that the clerk get quotes for the car park to be re-surfaced. Cllr Culpin stated that before this can be done the council need to get specific specifications for the product that is to be used to re-surface the car park. Cllr Bailey stated that the mayor was quite right in what he was saying. Discussions took place concerning this matter.

Cllr R Stewart stated that he agreed that the work was required and the need for specification such as what grade tarmac should be used and also any drainage that is required. It was suggested that Cllr Holgate could look at this matter and suggest specification of products to be used.

**Resolved:** Cllr Holgate agreed to look at this matter further and report back to the council.

**105/09. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING**

2009/1260 – Planning permission to site ten 80m high anemometer/meteorological Masts – Land north and south of Keadby Grange Access Road to Palfrey Farm and Keadby Grange.

**Observations were raised on the following grounds:**

1. Express the Councils observations that they are disappointed that there will be Further blots on the landscape, also ask if they will be permanent or temporary

**Applications granted:**

2009/1052 – Retain a change of use from office to gymnasium at 110 High Street, Crowle.

2009/0560 – Erect four 20kw micro wind turbines with associated works at Poplars Farmhouse, Jaques Bank, Medge Hall, Crowle.

**Applications refused:**

2009/1053 – Retain a non-illuminated sign at 110 High Street, Crowle.

## **106/09. CORRESPONDENCE**

### **(a)Ombudsman Reply**

Cllr Rhodes stated that the reply informs the council that the law prevents the Ombudsman from investigating complaints submitted by town/parish councils and they are therefore unable to help, this matter started due to the failure of North Lincolnshire Council to enforce the encroachments onto a public highway, as a result of the Ombudsman reply the complaint process will now have to start again, by individual members of the public, the question of how members of the public can make the same complaint as the council was asked. Cllr Rhodes explained the background and suggested that the council refer the complaint to the Minister of Local Government requesting an answer.

Cllr Arrand stated that he has emailed Kerry Anne Hartnett to ask if his wife could make a complaint to the Ombudsman, and stated that there was only one person who has still not complied. Cllr Duffield reported that if a highway is compromised, the Local Authority have a statutory duty to enforce under section 130 (6), Cllr Duffield stated that he could look into how much it would cost to take this matter to County Court.

Cllr Rhodes proposed that the council send a copy of the complaint letter to the Minister of Local Government, Minister of Highway & Transport and Ian Cawsey MP, a decision can then be made at next month's meeting whether to take the matter to County Court, Cllr G Da Costa second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** The clerk to send a copy of the complaint letter to the Minister of Local Government, Minister of Highway & Transport and Ian Cawsey MP, as agreed.

### **(b)Water Safety – North Lincolnshire**

North Lincolnshire Council and its partners have put in place a number of initiatives to make sites safer for children playing, they have asked the council for information where they are aware of children regularly playing apart from the areas they have already identified, Cllr Culpin stated that he was surprised that Canals & Waterways were not already listed.

**Resolved:** The clerk to give North Lincolnshire Council information concerning Canals & Waterways, as above.

### **(c)Byelaws Consultation**

Cllr Stewart reported that he has read the document, which was discussed and he stated that there are minor amendments and the principal of the paper has been accepted with further guidance.

### **(d)North Lincolnshire Rural Affordable Housing Needs Survey**

Cllr Rhodes stated that according to the survey result sheet no one under the age of 30 or over 50 exists within the area. Cllr Duffield explained the background concerning a previous survey which results showed there were no need for affordable homes within Ealand and a need of twelve within Crowle.

A development at Manor Gardens is already proposed for 4 bungalows and 16 flats, catering for residents aged over 50, which would hopefully release occupied council homes. It was now stated that the figures reported that there was a need for 110 social housing; we are fighting against a massive housing development for social housing.

Cllr R Stewart reported that the council resolved to become a low development town, whether it social housing or any other developments.

**106/09. CORRESPONDENCE****(d)North Lincolnshire Rural Affordable Housing Needs Survey cont:**

Cllr Arrand proposed that the council object strongly on the grounds of insufficient infrastructure, Cllr Rhodes second the proposal stating the information relates to a medium/high development and requested a copy of the complete survey report.

**Resolved:** Write to Jenny Stephenson expressing the town council objections.

**(e) North Lincolnshire Council Policy development on the code for sustainable homes and the use of onsite Renewable Energy for Industrial and Commercial developments.**

Cllr Rhodes stated that it is very similar to documentation previously received; Cllr Arrand expressed his views on global warming.

**Resolved:** To be noted:

**(f) Planning Training for Councils**

**Resolved:** The following councillors expressed an interest in the training: Cllr's F J Rhodes, G Da Costa, J Reed, K Holgate, R Stewart and N Culpin.

**107/09. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES****Humberhead Levels**

Cllr Venum reported that he attended the recent Humberhead Levels meeting, he went on to discuss the new arrow magazine that is being distributed in Crowle, and suggested that the council could look at costings for placing the council newsletter within the magazine, Cllr Culpin stated that he has already contacted them for a list of prices for advertising, and he will inform the council once he receives them. Cllr Venum reported that a local radio is starting up at Thorne Moorends and they are willing to come to Crowle and carry out interviews etc.

**Delivery Group**

Cllr Bailey reported that the last delivery group meeting was very enlightening and stated that Clugston will start work on the Market Square within November. The only issue that has been raised was concerning the Christmas tree and Lights Switch on, as the area will be a work site there are health and safety issues, which means that the Lights Committee will be unable to put a tree in the Market Square or carry out the lights switch on this year.

It was reported that the Lights Committee have looked at alternative sites, such as Jubilee Gardens, Cllr Bailey asked for sanction from the council to go ahead with this site. Cllr Da Costa reported that he has been to see the owners of Londis who are happy to provide the electrical supply needed, the only issue is securing the Christmas tree, the lights committee do not have the resources to pay for the securing of the tree at this site in line with regulations, it was asked if the council would be able to assist financially. Cllr Bailey stated that he would speak to the Renaissance Committee to see if they would be able to assist.

**Windfarm Traffic**

Cllr Duffield explained the background concerning this matter, and stated that talks have taken place between Ian Cawsey and the RES, an agreement wasn't reached with Ian Cawsey, Cllr Duffield asked if Cllr Bailey was still prepared to lead a demonstration, which he agreed. They carry on fighting to prevent the abnormal traffic.

**108/09. SKATE BOARD FACILITIES**

Cllr Venum reported that youths have been asking him for a skate board facility, the idea consists of building a skate facility out of earth, he asked if it would be possible to build the ramp in Manor Park, and would the council object if they went ahead and built the earth skate facility on a temporary basis. Cllr Rhodes stated that there has never been a skate facility and expressed his views reporting that it will be fraught with complaints from the local community. Cllr Bailey reported that originally there was a request for a skate board facility and stated that NIPS are looking at a mobile skate facility to be moved around the North Isle. Cllr Reed stated that Street Sports have one but Crowle doesn't get a fair chance at it, but this issue is being pursued by NIPS as well.

**109/09. COMMUNITY PLAN – GRANT APPLICATION FORM**

Cllr R Stewart stated that he has received the application form for £2500.00 towards a Community Led Plan, he reported that he has looked through the application and stated that it has to be returned by January, he asked if the council agreed for him to go ahead with the application, if the proposed project stated in the application does not go ahead the council just return the money back to North Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the council go ahead with the application, Cllr Arrand second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** The council agreed to proceed with the application.

**110/09. PLAYBUILDER BID APPLICATION**

Cllr R Stewart reported that there is a complication with the application as the council intend for Manor Park Trust to take the lead, the application needs to be a joint venture, if the money is agreed it will come to the council, who then pass it on to the Manor Park Trust. Cllr R Stewart asked if the council agreed for the application to be completed.

**Resolved:** All councillors agreed to an application being made to Playbuilder.

**111/09. DAILEY VISUAL INSPECTION – PLAY AREA**

Cllr R Stewart reported that within the Playbuilder application it states that you must inspect or agree to inspect existing or proposed facilities on a daily basis through a qualified inspector, to RPII standard, Cllr R Stewart stated that this matter needs to be applied. It was suggested that the council contact North Lincolnshire Council to ask them to carry out daily inspections on behalf of the town council.

**Resolved:** Contact North Lincolnshire Council concerning daily inspections of play equipment as discussed above.

**112/09. JOHNSON'S LANE PLAYING FIELD – REMOVAL OF EQUIPMENT**

Cllr R Stewart reported that the very small play area, near the entrance, the rear of the resident's gardens is a gathering ground for youths and residents suffer major anti-social behaviour, the facilities are not being used by the age group it is intended for.

Cllr R Stewart proposed that the equipment be removed, Cllr M Bailey second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** Arrange for any existing play equipment to be removed.

**113/09. DOCTOR JOHN BRUCE TROPHY**

At the last council meeting it was proposed that the council indulge in public nominations concerning the above as they did previously. It was reported that the council received one nomination for Tom Swinbourne of the Regeneration group and a petition with 16 signatures nominating Rodney Mumby.

The two nominations were put to the vote and resulted: 3 in favour of Tom Swinbourne and 7 in favour for Rodney Mumby, therefore Rodney Mumby will be presented with the Doctor John Bruce Trophy at the December meeting.

**Resolved:** Rodney Mumby will be presented with the Doctor John Bruce Trophy at the December meeting, the clerk to make the necessary arrangements.

**114/09. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS**

The following highway matters were raised:

1. The encroachments at Marsh Road are largely solved except for one resident who has not complied.

Cllr R Stewart stated that he has been asked to make representation to the council concerning the youths using Potts Lane, High Street and Windsor Road as a race track, and proposed that the council request North Lincolnshire Council place speed restriction bumps on Potts Lane, Cllr F J Rhodes second the proposal which was put to the vote and resulted in a unanimous vote in favour.

**Resolved:** Contact North Lincolnshire Council Highways concerning the above request for speed restriction bumps.

**115/09. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT**

The following accounts were authorised for payment:

S. Croot	Poppy Wreaths	32.00	1190
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WREN	Third Party Funding Friends of Ealand Phase 2	3850.00	1191
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A1 Signs	Sign for Cemetery	34.00	1192
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**Bacs Payments**

British Telecom	Office	54.17	
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Concept Websites	Hosting fee	23.00	
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**Payments Received**

R Wallace	Burials	50.00	
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**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 are temporarily excluded and that they be instructed to withdraw from the meeting, for the hearing of this agenda item, in line with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, Section 1(2).**

**116/09 TREES IN CEMETERY – BERRIE ANDERSON EMAILS**

**Resolved:** In the view of the confidential nature of the above item, they were discussed with the exclusion of the press and public.

**117/09 CEMETERY HOUSE**

**Resolved:** In the view of the confidential nature of the above item, they were discussed with the exclusion of the press and public.