

CROWLE TOWN COUNCIL

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MINUTES of a meeting of the Council held at Crowle Community Hub on 13th October 2009

PRESENT. Cllr F J Rhodes, Deputy Mayor, presiding

Cllr:	B Duffield	P Venum	G DaCosta	N Arrand	I Mason
	T Barker	J R Smith	R Stewart	H S Osborne	M Bailey

APOLOGIES for absence were received from Cllr: N Culpin – Unwell
K Holgate – Work Commitments

NON-ATTENDANCE from the following Cllr's: C Stewart

82/09. DECLARATION OF INTEREST.

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

Cllr T Barker – Agenda item 7 – Planning applications
Agenda item 8 (i) – Leader Newsletter

83/09. PUBLIC FORUM

Mr Malcolm O'Connor reported concerning the proposed planning for a Recycling Station at Ealand, he stated that none of the residents knew that plans were afoot for the Recycling Station; the only notice was tucked away where no one could see it. He asked why no one had been informed.

Cllr Rhodes explained that the town council were unanimously opposed to the application.

84/09. TOWN MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS.

There were no announcements to report, Cllr Rhodes expressed that the council would like to send their best wishes to Cllr Culpin and hopes that he is recovering well after his major operation, and stated that a get well card has been sent from the council.

85/09. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on the 8th September 2009, 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.

86/09. MATTERS ARISING.

There were no matters to report:

87/09 (a) PLANNING APPLICATION FOR RECYCLING/WASTE STATION, EALAND.

Cllr Rhodes explained that the planning application has now been granted; when it first came to the council it was unanimously objected.

Cllr Foster a North Lincolnshire Council Officer has attended this month's meeting to discuss the matter as a result of the lack of communication from North Lincolnshire Council.

Cllr Foster thanked the council for the invitation and stated that he is not on the planning committee, but read the headline in the Epworth Bells which was very misleading, after checking with the recycling officers and the planning officers at North Lincolnshire Council he was assured that all the correct procedures by planning were carried out.

The Environment Agency has also been consulted, and had no objections to the application, but stringent conditions will be put in place.

The site is for recycling plastic and metal, North Lincolnshire Council had nothing to do with the recycling application it is a private application.

Cllr Foster continued to explain the process and the recycling strategies at North Lincolnshire Council, and stated that it is a private enterprise facility for businesses and will not provide a service to the public.

Cllr Foster asked if any councillors had any questions:

Cllr Venum asked should full consultation have taken place with the local community, Cllr Foster stated that due notice was posted in particular places within the area.

Cllr Duffield stated that the council objected strongly to this application, and where under the impression that it would not be granted, let alone be granted unanimously by the planning committee at North Lincolnshire Council, Cllr Duffield continued to express his views concerning the application.

Cllr Barker stated that he is a member of the planning committee, and he didn't receive any documentation relating to applications that would be considered by the planning committee that month, the application went through on the recommendations of the case officer, two homes within the area had been advised, as well as 7 Lakes Country Park, and they made no objections.

Cllr DaCosta asked if the recycling station would create local jobs, Cllr Foster stated that would need to be taken up with the applicant.

Cllr Arrand stated that he understands the management at 7 Lakes Country Park were not consulted, and asked if Cllr Barker could provide evidence that they were.

Cllr Rhodes stated that the town council objected to the application on sound planning grounds, Cllr Rhodes explained the objections.

Cllr Rhodes thanked Cllr Foster for attending the meeting; Cllr Foster stated that a Town/Parish Liaison Committee meeting will be held on Thursday 15th October, he hopes a representative of the council can attend, as one of the subjects to be discussed is planning.

87/09. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING

2009/1131 – Planning permission to erect a single storey side extension – 2 Saffron Way, Crowle.

No Observations:

Applications granted:

2009/0814 – Erect a building for use as a waste transfer and recycling station with Associated land and yard (re-submission of PA/2009/0512) on land South of the access road to the leisure complex and industrial site, Seven Lakes Industrial Estate, Crowle.

87/09. APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING CONT:**Applications refused:**

- 2009/0979 – Change of use from agricultural field to agricultural field for Commercial storage of hay, straw and grass to be used for renewable Energy supply at OS Field 6847 Godnow Road, Crowle.
- 2009/0981 – Erect a detached dwelling at rear of Pear Tree Farm, Johnson’s Lane, Crowle.

88/09. CORRESPONDENCE**(A)Miss N C Parkin**

Resolved: It was reported that a meeting with Ian Cawsey MP has been arranged.

(B)Letter to Ombudsman

The clerk circulated a copy of the letter that has been sent to the Ombudsman previous to the meeting, Cllr Rhodes explained the contents of the letter.

Resolved: The letter and relevant documentation has been sent to the Ombudsman, the council to wait for a reply.

(C)Mr John Mumby – Proposed Memorial Seat in Cemetery

The clerk explained the background concerning this matter, and circulated a picture of the proposed seat and discussed the proposed siting of the seat. The council were asked if they had any objections to the proposed seat and siting.

Resolved: The council agreed to the proposed seat and siting.

(D)ERNLLCA Newsletter

Resolved: To be noted, Cllr Rhodes made references to issues of unfair dismissal pay outs reported on page two of the ERNLLCA newsletter.

(E)Providing Affordable Homes in Rural Northern Lincolnshire

Resolved: To be noted: Cllr Barker stated that following a full survey Crowle came out top of the list as the area most in need of affordable homes.

(F)S C Sutton

S C Sutton Funeral Directors have contacted the council concerning the possible exhumation of David Montague Briggs remains; Cllr Rhodes explained the background and asked if the council had any objections concerning this issue.

Resolved: The town council have no objections to the above, the clerk to write to SC Sutton informing them of the council’s decision.

(G)North Lincolnshire Council Proposed Strategic Plan

Resolved: To be noted:

88/09. CORRESPONDENCE CONT:**(H)Trees at the Cemetery**

It was stated that as previously requested by the council further investigation has taken place with North Lincolnshire Council concerning the above; the clerk previously circulated a copy of the report received by North Lincolnshire Council stating that the council do not need to carry out any work to the trees within the cemetery.

Cllr Duffield explained the background and stated that he would like to draw a line under this matter.

The clerk stated that she has sent a copy of the report sent by Andrea Brocklebank to the resident who complained.

Resolved: The town council agreed to accept the tree expert's advice i.e. no further action will be taken.

(I)Leader Newsletter

Resolved: To be noted:

89/09. REPORT BACK FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**Friends of Ealand**

Cllr Bailey reported that Julie Reed has informed him that she has now secured all the funding for phase 2 and work will commence shortly.

Allotments

Cllr R Stewart reported that the Gardening Club do not want to take full responsibility for the allotments, and it was proposed that an allotments society be formed, it was suggested that a meeting be arranged with the residents who have expressed an interest in allotments.

Windsor Park, Godnow Road

Cllr R Stewart stated that at the last council meeting that the committee were holding their AGM in September, and things were looking very grim, following the AGM Cllr Stewart was pleased to report that the position of the Windsor Park is now much healthier and they now have a full committee, which is very good news.

90/09. SURGERY FOR COUNCILLORS

Cllr R Stewart suggested that the council look at holding a surgery once a month on a Saturday morning, it will give residents the opportunity to discuss their views and concerns and meet councillors face to face. It was suggested that two councillors be present and the open surgery to be held in the council office between 10am – 12pm, and a list to be put together of councillors willing to commit to a surgery on a rota basis. It was proposed that a trial volunteer group be set up to run until March 2010, if the surgery is successful it will be set up formally at the AGM in May.

Resolved: A pilot surgery scheme was agreed to run for six months.

91/09. A FRAMES ALONG THE HIGH STREET

Cllr R Stewart reported concerning the amount of A Frames that seem to have appeared along the High Street, and requested that the council contact North Lincolnshire Council to ratify the planning regulations in relation to placing A Frames on a public highway.

Resolved: The clerk to contact North Lincolnshire Council for the relevant information

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92/09. REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

It was reported that this year Remembrance Sunday is on the 8th November 2009

Resolved: The clerk to contact the following people:

1. Epworth Police for their assistance with the parade.
2. Contact the Roman Catholic Priest
3. Scott, Beavers, Air Cadets Etc.
4. To order two poppy wreaths.

93/09. DOCTOR JOHN BRUCE TROPHY

Cllr Rhodes explained the background concerning the Doctor John Bruce Trophy; the clerk asked if the council wished to indulge in public nominations and place an advert in the local press, concerning the above as they did previously.

Resolved: Place a public notice in the local press requesting public nominations for the Doctor John Bruce Trophy, place on the council website.

94/09. COUNCIL OFFICE CAR PARK

The council have now received the deeds for the council office from Taylor Bracewell, the solicitors who dealt with the purchase of the office, unfortunately the deeds do not show the council office boundaries, it was suggested that the council write to the Land Registry concerning this matter. Cllr Duffield agreed to measure the car park area for the next council meeting.

95/09. CASUAL VACANCY

Cllr Rhodes reported that the council have received a written application from Mrs Julie Reed asking to be considered for the vacancy. Cllr Duffield reported a verbal application from Mr Don Cross, and stated that Mr Cross feels as he has just retired he would have ample time to dedicate to council business. The two applications were put to the vote and resulted 8 in favour of Mrs Julie Reed and 2 in favour of Mr D Cross, Mrs Julie Reed was therefore co-opted on to Crowle Town Council.

Resolved: The clerk to inform the Democratic Service that Mrs Julie Reed was co-opted onto Crowle Town Council on the 13th October 2009. Inform Mrs Reed of her successful application and forward all the relevant documents for her to sign.

96/09. HIGHWAY, FOOTPATH & STREETLIGHTING MATTERS

There were no highway matters reported:

97/09. ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

Resolved: The following accounts were authorised for payment:

Inland Revenue	Tax & Nat Ins	149.22
Bells Waste	Skip Hire	109.25
Grice & Hunter	Rental Assessment	230.00
Johnston Publishing	Public Notice	65.32
NX 1 (UK)	Maintenance Visit	287.50
J B Chafor	Materials Purchased	88.76
Office Friends	Stationery	139.89

Bacs Payments

British Telecom	Office	51.25
Concept Websites	Hosting fee	23.00
CIT Vendor	Photo Copier	250.62

Payments Received

R Wallace	Burials	75.00
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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).

98/09. 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.