

**MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, TRANSPORTATION
AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 9TH APRIL, 2009 AT 7.00 PM
IN THE COUNCIL CHAMBER, NORTH LODGE**

Present:-

Chairman - Cllr. J. Lee, Vice-Chairman Cllr. H. Thompson,
Cllr. J. Edwards, Cllr. P. Harris, Cllr. R. Read and Cllr. G. Smith

Mr. Michael Loveday - HEART - Heritage Economic and Regeneration Trust

Julie Chance - Town Clerk

Mr. Loveday gave a very informative presentation concerning the initiative in the Norwich Lanes and other parts of the City of Norwich. Attached.

1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12TH MARCH 2009

The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2009, having been **AGREED** by Full Council on 6th April 2009, were signed by the Chairman.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None were received.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. T. Nash and Cllr. Y. Nolan.

It was **AGREED** to suspend the meeting for public participation.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr Ridd read a report concerning the Holt Road Speed Order by Norfolk County Council. Report attached.

Mr. Andrews reported that there were inadequate safety measures on the bridge to stop cars from going down the cutting.

Mr. Gould reported that the Pier Theatre was too hot on his recent visit and enquired whether they had a problem with the air conditioning system.

Mr. Gould was advised to contact Ian Hall at the Pier Theatre direct.

The meeting was reconvened.

5. **PLANNING APPLICATIONS:-** Appendix A attached.

5.1 **Application for Additional Car Parking Spaces at Benjamin**

Court:- The Clerk read an email received from NNDC stating that there is a tree preservation order covering the whole site and that Fletcher Way is an unadopted highway which is owned by the NHS Norfolk. Highways have not been consulted on this application as there is no traffic generating development association with the proposal. The main purpose of the application is to avoid the current situation of cars parking on the grass and potentially damaging the trees.

6. **PLANNING DECISIONS:-** Appendix B attached.

7. **PRE-SUBMISSION PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

None were received.

8. **PLANNING APPEALS**

None were received.

9. **OTHER PLANNING MATTERS**

9.1 **Bath House:-** It was reported that this matter has been deferred until the meeting of the Development Control Committee (East) on the 16th April.

9.2 **Development Control Committee (East) - 19th March:-** It was reported that the replacement hospital building had been discussed and recommendations made concerning the layout, design and landscaping proposal. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to NNDC reiterating Cromer Town Council's support of the new hospital and requesting them to push this forward with no further delays.

9.3 **New Property Address:-** New three storey town house to the rear of 17 Prince of Wales Road, Cromer, NR27 9HR will be known as Woodside Cottage, Corner Street, Cromer, NR27 9HR. Conversion of dwelling into 3 Flats at 17 Prince of Wales Road, Cromer, NR27 9HR will be known as Flat 1, Flat 2 and Flat 3, 17 Prince of Wales Road, Cromer, NR27 9HR.

10. **LICENSES**

None received.

11. HIGHWAY MATTERS

11.1 **Holt Road - Speeding Traffic:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Norfolk County Council, Highways reiterating our objection to the proposed 40 mph speed limit and repeat Cromer Town Council's wish to see a 30 mph speed limit, a footpath across the bridge and a roundabout at the Felbrigg junction. The Clerk will point out the guidelines as stated in the report given by Mr. Ridd in public participation. The Clerk will also point out the inadequate safety precautions on the bridge.

11.2 **Lowered Kerbs - Holt Road:-** The Clerk read a letter received from Norfolk County Council stating that dropped kerbs are commonly installed where pedestrians are likely to cross the road and they are not prepared to install dropped kerbs without a formal review being undertaken. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write stating that pedestrians do cross the road at the bridge, hence the reason for requesting a footpath and a 30 mph speed limit. The Clerk will enquire whether Norfolk County Council are supporting the footpath request by not installing dropped kerbs.

12. TRANSPORTATION MATTERS

12.1 **Bus Stop Clearways Variation and Revocation Order 2009:-** Circulated to all members. Attached.

13. CROMER COMMUNITY CENTRE

13.1 **Insurance:-** The Clerk reported that she had not received a reply to her letter to Mrs. Bolton requesting that the Public Liability element of the insurance be taken off their policy and she will chase accordingly,

13.2 **Women's Institute National Federation:-** The Clerk circulated the letter received from the National Federation of Women's Institute to all Members and a special meeting will be arranged to progress this matter.

13.3 **Live Diet & Fitness:-** It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write declining the offer of payment by means of £1 month but accepting the original offer of full payment in six months time. If full payment is not received in six months this matter will be discussed further. It was **AGREED** that enquiries would be made into how the Community Centre at North Walsham is run in order to try and avoid this problem happening again.

13.4 The security lock and key has been replaced on the front door.

13.5 **Health and Safety Policy:-** It was **AGREED** that Sally Gill will prepare a Health and Safety Policy for the Community Centre.

14. CORRESPONDENCE

14.1 **The Planning Portal - Meeting 28th April Dales Country House Hotel, Upper Sheringham:-** It was **AGREED** that Cllr. J. Edwards

and Cllr. R. Read will attend.

14.2 North Norfolk District Council - Site Specific Proposals Draft Plan Public Consultation 15th June - 31st July 2009:- Circulated.

14.3 Norman Lamb MP:- The Clerk read a letter received from Norman Lamb enclosing an email from a resident of Cromer. The email covers many issues from dog fouling to the weekly market. It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to the resident explaining that many of the issues raised are being addressed by the Town Council and inviting her to attend a meeting to express her views during public participation. The Clerk will send a copy of the email to North Norfolk District Council enquiring whether they had considered employing Rangers to patrol the town and deal with the issues such as dog fouling.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

15.1 It was **AGREED** that the Clerk would write to Sheila Oxtoby and invite her to attend a Planning Committee Meeting to discuss the possibilities raised by Mr. Loveday's presentation.

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The date of the next meeting was noted as Thursday 7th May, 2009.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.25 pm.

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Chairman

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Date