



# Crowle & Ealand Town Council

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Minutes of the **Schedule 12a Council Meeting** of Crowle and Ealand Town Council held at Crowle Community Hub, Crowle on **14 August 2018**.

**Press and public excluded due to an exemption as defined in paragraph 1 of part 1 of schedule 12a of the Local Government Act 1972, also in accordance with the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 s1(2) due to the confidential nature of the items to be discussed.**

**Present:** Cllr D Middleton (Chair), Cllr N Arrand, Cllr E Dinsdale, Cllr I Mason, Cllr J Ramsden, Cllr R Oldfield, Cllr R Pender, Cllr J Ramsden, Cllr J Reed

**Apologies:** Cllr A Rayment (Deputy), Cllr M Bailey, Cllr S Dinsdale, Cllr J Dunn, Cllr H Osborne

**Officers Present :** Kirsty Dunn (Town Clerk), Vicky Maw (RFO)

**Members of the Public :** None

**Press Present :** None

**Public Forum :** None

**The Schedule 12a Meeting began at 20.36**

**189/18 Minutes of the Schedule 12a meeting held on 10 July 2018:**

**Resolved** to be approved as a true record. Proposed Cllr R Oldfield, seconded Cllr J Reed. Carried

**190/18 PBFit Bootcamp**

Cllr E Dinsdale explained that the permission given to Mr P Boucher by the previous town clerk, Mrs J McTiernan was not authorised, further highlighting her unsuitability but also against council protocol. Cllr E Dinsdale would like this matter discussed further when the councillor that brought this item to the table in the first instance is present.

To date, Mr Boucher has not provided a risk assessment and only a copy of a receipt for his public liability insurance.

Cllr R Pender requested that a policy regarding the public using council property to conduct a private business be included on the next agenda. Cllr J Reed stated that we should email to ask for his public liability insurance document and confirm to him that he wasn't being pushed out of the door, that it was due to council technicality that the matter couldn't be discussed in open council.

**191/18 K Fowler Case**

The loss adjuster email from the police has confirmed that K Fowler stole £73k from this council. She served time for £23k but no further action can be taken now the true figure has come to light. She is to pay back any monies from future bereavement, lottery, inheritance monies etc, and with the initial £3k paid back and the £15k insurance payment and £7k seized monies from K Fowler we are looking at a further £48k from the insurance.

Cllr E Dinsdale clarified that this figure does not reveal the confirmed monies she stole from other PC she worked for and that we were not privy to this information.

Officer V Maw stated that on the finance side our records will show “insurance refund” and although the public can inspect our records we do not need to advertise. The money however does need to be earmarked and cannot sit in the account. Both Cllrs D Middleton and J Reed believe that the monies would be put to good use in the chapels, along with windfarm/NLC funding. Cllr E Dinsdale believes we should sit tight and think about its use. It is agreed that council do not need to decide now.

**192/18 J McTiernan**

Cllr E Dinsdale informed the council that J McTiernan continues to demand money. It has come to light that she has passed the ILCA training but it was never brought to council for approval and therefore no pay increase was agreed. J McT has copied her letter to Andrew Percy, labelling Cllr E Dinsdale personally. This letter was extremely viscous and offensive, referring to Cllr E Dinsdale as ‘Dinsdale’. (It is to be noted that this council have two members of council named Dinsdale). He feels that this is outrageous behaviour and will not accept the accusations of fraud or documentation falsification. After liaising with a solicitor on the matter Cllr E Dinsdale was informed that he does not have to prove his innocence, has nothing to lose and therefore recommends letting J McT take him to court.

It was proposed by Cllr J Reed that the monies to be paid by the solicitor and CETC pay retrospectively, because this is a council matter. Seconded Cllr I Mason. Carried.

Cllr R Pender requested clarification on the monies that J McT is requesting. Offr V Maw confirmed a figure of £1300 as she is claiming that no dismissal stands and therefore is owed outstanding salary plus pay increase for completion of the ILCA.

Cllr E Dinsdale discussed ERNLLCA reiterated the conflicting advice received by Steve and Alan and the fact that they are using CETC as a test case for their courses. ERNLLCA also advised J McT that she had a case against CETC. The councillors agreed that we should out this business to bed and then write a letter of complaint to ERNLLCA.

**The Schedule 12a meeting closed at 21.00**

Signature: Original signed copy on file.

Date: