



## Crowle & Ealand Town Council

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Minutes of the **Full Council Meeting** of Crowle and Ealand Town Council (C&ETC) held at The Chapels, Crowle Cemetery, Mill Road, Crowle, DN17 4LN, 7:00pm, on **14<sup>th</sup> November 2023**.

**Councillors (Cllrs) Present:** Cllr R Stewart (Mayor), Cllr I Bint, Cllr K Holgate, Cllr I Mason, Cllr J Ramsden, Cllr J Reed, Cllr S Walshe

**Officers Included:** Kirsty Dunn, Town Clerk (TC), Emma Von Sembach, Responsible Finance Officer (RFO)

**Members of the Press/Public:** One

**Public Forum:** Yes

Mr Simon Burt presented a statement which he read out regarding the Tween Bridges Solar Farm project. This statement has formed the basis of the Council's response on the first phase of the consultation period and can be read in the planning section of these minutes.

### **F/097/23 Apologies for absence:**

Cllr M Bailey (Deputy Mayor), personal reasons.

**F/098/23 Declaration of Interest:** To note any declarations of interest made by Councillors in respect of items on this meeting's Agenda (in accordance with the Council's Model Code of Conduct and the Localism Act 2011):

Cllr I Bint Item 15 Pl.

### **F/099/23 Previous Minutes:**

Minutes from the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2023 are resolved as a true record.

### **F/100/23 Mayors Report**

Attended the civic service at Winterton.

A number of councillors attended the Remembrance Day Services at Ealand and Crowle on Sun 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. Both services were very well attended. Cllr Stewart commended the Parade Marshal Cllr I Bint for his very good job in the role. A few points to be considered for future services have been brought away and will be reviewed by a working party and brought to the council for approval in due course.

### **F/101/23 Clerks Report**

Communication received:

- Letter from Regen dated 27<sup>th</sup> Oct regarding Offer of Assistance, purchase of the war memorial planters and additional funding for the Regen Newsletter.

TC to respond with the following statements:

- Inform RFO which company they have selected for plants and she will pay the monies direct.
- Request the planters donated.
- This council are aware that the Newsletter has already received full funding for this year therefore this council cannot assist.
- Email from Severn Trent Water dated 6<sup>th</sup> Nov regarding an opportunity to meet with them.
- A full partnership meeting has been arranged. We would like to be involved in this meeting.
- Street name proposals for 7 Lakes development; Willow Close, Flax Mill Way and Brewery Avenue.
- The first 2 proposals are accepted, however the final proposal of Brewery Avenue if not

deemed suitable due to the current 'Brewery' street names within the town. Suggestions of Kiln Lane or Brickworks Lane were offered.

#### **F/102/23 Ward Report by Cllr J Reed**

Sunday Bus Service 361 is now running and details are available on the website.

#### **F/103/23 Feedback from External Groups**

Nil

#### **F/104/23 Action Plan Update**

Item 2: Youth Council. Please refer to Youth Council Minutes for further information.

Item 3: Health and Safety: Two incidents. One incident took place in Crowle Cemetery. The individual stepped on an old laid down headstone and slipped causing injury to their person. They contacted the Council Support Worker, G Edwards who provided care until professions took over. The second incident was at Crowle Remembrance Service. Individual stumbled on climbing the steps and fell, bumping head. They received care until professions took over. Incidents reported and recorded in the office log, no onward action. No training and general issue updates.

Item 4: CPT continue with rolling works throughout Crowle & Ealand. Jubilee Gardens have been planted with spring bulbs and borders cut in.

Item 5: Playground Report.

- TITAN end caps fitted.
- Manor Park MUGA welding was half completed before a machine failure occurred. They will return asap to finish the final panel.
- Ealand MUGA and sand matting quotes pending, and manor park humps removed.
- Awaiting quotes for the humps at Manor Park.

Item 6: 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative

- Roll of honour board order to be amended as suggested by the company to amalgamate the 2 boards into 1, thereby saving a total of £417.22. This was accepted and RESOLVED.
- Chains engraving at Fattorini's at £124.58 previously resolved will take place between Dec – Feb when no civic events are taking place.

#### **F/105/23 Finance Reports & Updates**

The following finances were received and decided as stated:

- a. Financial report – RESOLVED.
- b. Accounts for payments – RESOLVED.
- c. External Audit Report approved and RESOLVED.

#### **F/106/23 Precept and Budget Setting for 2024/25**

Council received the draft budget for the 2024/25 Precept requirement. This was scrutinised in detail and all questions posed were answered by the RFO. Following debate the draft precept was approved without amendment and RESOLVED.

#### **F/107/23 Policies for Review and Adoption**

Crowle & Ealand Granting Policy is approved subject to the following amendments:

- Electronic signatures are acceptable provided their bank details correspond with the applicant's name.
- The Council reserve the right to approve an exceptional grant on a case-by-case basis to any eligible group/organisation.
- Within six months of the project, the applicant must provide the Council with copies of all receipts relating to the grant. Failure to do so may invalidate any future grant applications.

### **F/108/23 Pigeon Culling**

There is clear guidance on the rules surrounding pigeon culling. Should this matter be raised in the new year, it will be referred to NLC.

### **F/109/23 Blind Tenders**

The following tenders were approved and RESOLVED:

- a. The office and chapel heating tender quotes.
  - Office heating tender for £931.20
  - Chapel heating tender is pending due to further information.
- b. Office repairs and cabinet installation at £1300.00
- c. Office Assets Repairs and Maintenance.
  - Cemetery House tender for £1538.39
  - Meadows Cottage tender for £2368.98

### **F/110/23 Youth Anti-Social Behaviour Counter Measures**

Following contact from the police regarding an exceptional number of reports for anti-social behaviour within Crowle & Ealand a meeting was requested by the local police. This took place on Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Oct and included the members of the local police, Safer Neighbourhoods, C&ETC and a member of the Town's youth with their parent.

The police updated the meeting stating that they had carried out a survey with 200 Axholme Academy students. 25% of the responses came back to say they would support a Youth Club and the remaining said they just wanted somewhere to hang out. The police requested a location for this to take place, but all suggestions were deemed unsuitable for various reasons. Further information about how the building would be managed, funded and monitored was raised.

As a Town Council with limited powers, it is requested that the police follow the anti-social protocols and keep the council informed of how they can approach this issue with further meetings to be scheduled as things progress.

### **F/111/23 Victoria Cross Trust War Memorial Clean**

The Victoria Cross Trust is a charitable trust based in Doncaster that carry out works across the country, cleaning and repairing war memorials. Due to the nature of the time and machinery involved each clean costs around £250. They were approached by this council to help with the cleaning and repair of the Town's War Memorials. They carried out intensive cleans and repairs of Crowle and Ealand War Memorials and provided the council with the correct gold paint to re-gild the names of the fallen on Crowle War Memorial.

Under the General Powers of Competence, this council approved to grant £250 towards the costs of the works carried out and materials supplied. RESOLVED

### **F/112/23 Planning Applications**

PA/2023/1632	Planning permission for demolition and rebuild of the former Assembly Rooms Building for residential use, Former 'Assembly Rooms', Cross Street, Crowle, SCUNTHORPE, DN17 4LJ <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1632">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1632</a> Ensuring the implementation of adequate sewage and drainage infrastructure, this council has no observations on this application.
PA/2022/2059	Amended and/or additional information to the application: <b>Proposed Floor Plans 4 of 7 20/10/2023</b>

	<p><b>Proposed Elevations 5 of 7 20/10/2023</b>  <b>Location &amp; Block Plans 7 of 7 20/10/2023</b></p> <p>Planning permission for change of use of Grade II listed dovecote/stables and carriage house to residential (Use Class C3) and the erection of a single-storey rear extension together with necessary ancillary works, Tetley House, Tetley, Crowle, DN17 4HY  <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2022/2059">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2022/2059</a></p> <p>The original objection to this application is reiterated and stands. The loss of heritage and the applicant's previous refusal to adhere to the restrictions of the last application and clear evidence that works have already commenced show blatant disregard for the planning process and failure to comply to the terms of the previous instructions.</p>
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	<p><b>Tween Bridge Solar Farm – First Stage Consultation</b></p> <p>Please refer to the consultation documentation at <a href="http://www.tweenbridgesolar.co.uk">www.tweenbridgesolar.co.uk</a> for application details.</p> <p>At this stage we would like to raise the following areas of concern:  The site is planned to cover an area of 3.5 thousand acres. It is feared that this will take away vital farmland which is an important income generator for the local community as well as affecting food production which is critically important to the wider country. It was admitted in the recent consultation that the project could be placed in various sites within the UK. Surely brown field sites would be better suited than removing farmland?</p> <p>Statements made during the consultation claim that this area is suited for the proposal due to spare capacity on the local grid. However, the electricity is sent nationwide meaning the local grid is not the key factor indicated.</p> <p>When asked about plans to overcome road disruptions and potential damage due to the planned works, the answer was that any works will not cause additional issues on the roads, but all new cables will need to be installed along the roads to the sub-stations and equipment moved into the build areas(?).</p> <p>When asked, it was suggested that EV chargers will be installed and supplied by energy from the batteries and solar panels. It was even implied these may be free charging stations. No thought appears to have been given to the extra traffic and footfall this would cause as people from out of area visit for free or reduced charging.</p> <p>It is suggested that the project will take 2 and a half years to complete, although no evidence of timeliness has been given. Seeing as lead times for equipment is very long (delivery of batteries and panels from overseas), it is difficult to see how this timeframe can be adhered to?</p>

	<p>A critical point was raised to the committee regarding the plans for removal of defunct and broken elements of the installation. Solar panels cannot be recycled as contain mercury and other hazardous chemicals and need to be carefully removed. It was admitted no current plans are in place to address this issue. Furthermore, batteries are only guaranteed under regulation for 10 years. These would potentially need to be replaced 3 to 4 times over the life span of the installation (given as 40 years). Solar panels are not known to last this amount of time.</p> <p>Linked to the above point, when asked, no plans were available for how the project would deal with hazardous run-off from the panels into the fertile farmland. With so many key waterways travelling through the site, this is very worrying!</p> <p>As an addendum to the previous issue, no planning is in place to maintain the waterways in the land covered by this installation. As the local community is aware, these are vital lifelines in regard to flood prevention.</p> <p>The committee stated that a wildlife corridor will be put in place to offer all animals protected passage. This will have a massively detrimental effect on our wonderful local wildlife, which is celebrated much further afield. There appeared to be no acknowledgement given to possible protected species native to the local area.</p> <p>Although aware of the locally protected and celebrated peat works, the committee had given no thought to how the project may be extremely dangerous to it. Batteries and solar panels create a greatly increased risk of fire. Additionally, any resulting fire is unique and needs to be controlled in a very special manner. When questioned, the committee simply stated they would move the batteries!</p> <p>Further to the above, no plans were shown for specialist fire equipment to address this risk on the site. No plans were shown as to how local fire brigades would be supported with special training on how to fight said fires or how local communities will be informed of a fire and how to act accordingly in regard to toxic clouds in the area (the fires from solar panels and batteries are known to be very damaging to health).</p> <p>It was admitted that any suggested grant money is not guaranteed to local projects. Or that the higher figure given will actually be available? What would the benefit to our community be?</p> <p>The suggested jobs created by this project are not detailed or listed. No plans seen for apprenticeships for youth in the local area. All jobs associated with this project would have to be very specialised and not necessarily open to people in the area.</p>
	<p><b>Occasional Markets Consent Application</b>  Crowle Community Hall, Woodlands Avenue, Crowle, DN17 4LL  Date(s): 25 November 2023  No objections</p>
	<p>7 Lakes Country Park, Crowle, DN17 4BQ  Date(s): 16/03/24, 30/03/24, 13/04/24, 27/04/24, 11/05/24, 25/05/24, 08/06/24, 22/06/24, 06/07/24, 20/07/24, 03/08/24, 17/08/24, 31/08/24, 14/09/24, 28/09/24, 12/10/24  No objections</p>
	<p><b>Applications Granted / Refused</b></p>

PA/2023/64	Planning permission for the change of use of land for self storage and container storage at Workshop, Double Rivers, Crowle, DN17 4DD <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/64">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/64</a> Application GRANTED
PA/2022/1008	Planning permission for the demolition of existing post office and construction of a new dwelling, change of use of land to the rear of the existing post office to private amenity space and two car parking spaces at 23a New Trent Terrace, New Trent Street, Ealand, DN17 4JJ <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2022/1008">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2022/1008</a> Application GRANTED
PA/2023/259	Change of use of land to the west of the existing Crowle sewage treatment works to operational land to include the installation of a sludge thickener building, plant, machinery, associated infrastructure and landscaping at Sewage Works, Marsh Road, Crowle, DN17 4EU <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/259">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/259</a> Application GRANTED
PA/2023/1367	Planning permission to erect a domestic timber garden building and use as a part-time work-from-home beauty salon at Meadow Vale, Chapel Road, Crowle, DN17 4BN <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1367">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1367</a> Application GRANTED
PA/2023/1519	Planning permission to erect one pair of semi-detached houses at Workshop, Justice Hall Lane, Crowle, Scunthorpe, DN17 4NF <a href="http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1519">http://www.planning.northlincs.gov.uk/plan?ref=PA/2023/1519</a> Application REFUSED
	<b>Appeal Notifications</b>
PA/2022/1665	Croft Holme, 22 Brewery Road, Crowle, DN17 4LT Appeal DISMISSED

#### **F/113/23 Future Agenda Items**

Nil

**Meeting Closed: 20:44 hours**

**Signature: Original signed copy on file**

**Designation: Mayor C&ETC**

**Date: 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023**