

5) Reports5d) Town Clerk

The Highway Rangers are due in the first week of May; KL asked for any minor highway works to be reported to him so that they can be added to the list. GA said that the joints between the new Buttlands kerbs and the road had not been made good, JE said that the East End Railway cutting was looking untidy – KL would add both of these to the list. Graham Smith had said that he would like to add another item (electric go-carts) to his area on the Recreation Field. This would take up no more room as he would use a smaller “bouncy trampoline”. Members thought that despite this, we should limit his use to two items of equipment. Steve Finch had said that there was reinstatement work needed on The Buttlands following the kerbing work, and had asked whether we wanted to weed or top-dress the grass this spring. KL had replied that the Buttlands was currently being investigated by the working party. Norfolk ALC had asked whether we intended to renew our Quality Status (due in the autumn) KL had replied that he thought this should be discussed by Council after the election. The Harbour Office had sent a letter stating how many additional local jobs had been created by the Sheringham Shoal wind farm. This had been circulated to Members. KL outlined the legal requirements with regard to the election and the next meeting. Agendas for the May meeting would be posted on 28 April to all the candidates standing for election. If there were no more than twelve standing, the normal papers would be posted with them. If there were more than twelve standing, the papers would be delivered to the successful candidates at the start of the meeting.

5f) Portfolio Holders

Children’s Playground: The roundabout has now been returned to the playground. The safety surfacing would be renewed after Easter. The fence at the western end of the playground has now been erected. The cost was considerably more than the £2500 budgeted, but the difference has been paid by the “Friends”. The eastern side of the playground is still much wetter than the surrounding ground, and Anglian Water have returned to investigate whether this due to a broken water pipe. (It could possibly be spring water). There was a regrettable incident recently on the playground which police are investigating.

Public Relations: GA thanked Members for their contributions to the Newsletters in the past. KL said that the annual report was due to be published with the May issue of *The Quay* and that contributions to this would be required.

Traffic & Parking: The Freeman Street scheme was now in place and appeared to be operating satisfactorily. When would the “North Side of The Quay/Tug Boat Yard” scheme be completed?

7) To receive a report from the committee organising Royal Wedding celebrations

3500 programmes of the various events had been printed and these would be distributed throughout the area. So far £6500 has been donated, but more was still needed for the events that were planned. Bunting and flags would be erected throughout the town. The website (www.wellsstreetparty.co.uk) was regularly being updated as events were added. CM thanked *The Quay* and the *EDP* for their assistance with publicity. SC thanked CM for his considerable efforts in helping to organise the event.

CM left the meeting at this point

6) To receive a report from the working party considering a temporary summer skate board park

There was nothing much to report, although the working party had been liaising with other local councils that had supplied parks. Another meeting was planned a few days after the Council meeting.

Marie (& Mike) Strong (NCC) and Jonathan Savory (NNDC) arrived during the following

8) To receive a report from the working party considering the maintenance of The Buttlands

GA, RC and JT had held a meeting on the Buttlands, at which it was decided that a considerable task lay ahead. Several gaps had been left in the kerbing because of tree roots. As some of these were large enough for vehicles to drive through, advice was needed as to how they could be filled. Advice was also needed on the best way to reseed areas where subsoil was left after the kerbing. JT was arranging for experts from NNDC to attend>>>>

MINUTES CONTINUED

2011/15

- 13) To discuss a proposal to alter the format of Council Meetings so that items for debate are dealt with before reports.

It was resolved to try this suggestion for an experimental period of three meetings.

- 14) To discuss an appeal for financial assistance by *Each* (Quidenham Hospice)

Resolved to donate £25.

- 15) Financial Report and Accounts for Settlement

A report had been circulated at the beginning of the meeting. The following had been paid during the month:

Brightview Internet	Broadband	14.99
Keith Leesmith	Clerk's Salary Deposit	1000.00
The following were agreed for payment:		
Wells Street Party	Donation 07/03/11	1500.00
Wells United Charities	Donation 07/03/11	500.00
Keith Leesmith	Salary (net of deposit) and expenses	424.95
Norfolk Pension Fund	Monthly contribution	483.97
MHB Services Ltd	Street Lighting Maintenance	292.06
E-on Energy	Street Lighting electricity	461.33
Norfolk Assoc of Local Councils	annual subscription	312.40
H M Customs & Excise	PAYE 4 th quarter	1669.84
Jimmy Tottle	Bollards	220.00
Viking Direct	Stationery	12.20
Veolia	Cemetery rubbish collection	36.17
Environment Agency	Allotment land drainage rate	16.82
Edna Garrett	Sackhouse Cleaning	30.00
Dew Fencing	Fencing to Children's Playground	4518.88
Terry Corbishley	Litter Picking	192.50
S Marshall	"No Parking" signs – Rec. Field Entrance	36.00

- 16) To confirm Date of Next Meeting (Annual Meeting of the Town Council)

Confirmed as Monday 9 May 2011

The meeting closed at 2113