



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

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2015/01

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MINUTES

Annual Town Meeting held on 27 April 2014 at 1900 at The Methodist Room

Chairman: Councillor Allen Frary

1) Wells Maltings

A representative of the Craft Group expressed concerns about the proposed new design for the Maltings. The concern is that the new community space will be on the first floor making it difficult for the craft group to access with their merchandise. The craft group is also concerned about a potential loss of passing trade. Town Councillors were asked about their opinion and the Chairman asked that the item be put on the agenda for discussion at a Town Council meeting

2) Two Furlong Hill road works

County Councillor Dr Marie Strong informed the meeting that the road works on Two Furlong Hill (B1105) would be complete before the start of the Spring Bank Holiday. Concerns were expressed about the width of the road where the new pavement had been installed; Marie asked for an email to be sent and she would investigate.

3) Shore Line Management Plan

A view was expressed that the Shore Line Management Plan, which is about five years old, needs to be reviewed. Particular concerns were raised about the sea defences at Lady Ann's Drive and Burnham Overy, which if breached, would flood Wells from the west. Marie Strong stressed the importance of individuals installing flood protection and stated she was part of a County working group to identify exactly who is responsible for protecting the different parts of the coast. It was agreed everyone needs to keep an eye on the situation. Marie said she could get a representative from the EA to speak at a parish meeting. The Chairman asked this to be an agenda item for the Town Council.

4) Victory Housing

Concerns were expressed about the untidy state of some front gardens on the Northfield Estate. Questions were also asked about the situation with the garages on Neilson Close. The Town Clerk will write to Victory Housing.

5) Traffic Management

A question was asked about improved traffic management for the town. It was explained that the Town Council had been trying to get improvements for many years but it was the Highways Authority who had the final say. There was also a significant cost to any changes that required a Traffic Order; even a small section of yellow line could cost several thousand pounds. There is currently a Town Council committee looking again at traffic management that will reconvene after the election.

6) Interpretation Boards

It was suggested that more interpretation boards for visitors should be considered in the future.

7) Town Notice Board

A request was made that should the town notice board require replacing that the new one be made deeper allowing for three sheets of A4 paper to fit vertically.

The meeting was closed at 1955



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