



WELLS TOWN COUNCIL

THE SACKHOUSE, JICKLINGS YARD,
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CLERK'S REPORT WRITTEN FOR THE MEETING TO BE HELD **SEPTEMBER 2012** & PREPARED 24.08.2012

- 1) Both Greg and I met with members of the Wells Maltings Project (WMP) to discuss the proposal for the refurbishment of the Sackhouse and impact on the Wells Town Council suite of offices. WMP hope to begin the refurbishment before the end of this year and we will have to vacate the building; they are however committed to providing us with temporary accommodation (probably a portacabin) during the six month build. However, they cannot offer us suitable storage for the stuffed birds and a new home will have to be found. On completion we will be offered new office space. Greg has asked for the first two rooms on the first floor at the south end of the building. This will provide an independent entrance for the Council offices, foyer, meeting room and an office with sufficient space for our storage needs. Disable access will be available via the side entrance and new lift. WMP have provisionally agreed to Greg's request. There should be no significant increase in rent but there will be costs as a result of fitting out the new office space. There may also be costs for the storage of the stuffed Birds.
- 2) We have been approached by James Spedding of Holkham Forge who is proposing a significant event in Wells next year which could result in a couple of hundred visiting craftsmen and the involvement of a significant portion of the local community. The legacy would be a 15 foot metal sculpture placed somewhere on the Beach Road Bank. James would like to present his proposal personally to the council at the October meeting.
- 3) A special planning consultation meeting has now been arranged for 7pm, Monday 10 September 2012, at the **Maltings**, for councillors to hear from NNDC Planners and Planning Consultants for Hopkins Homes, about the proposed new development of houses off Market Lane. [Also make a diary date for the special meeting with Keith Johnson and Sheila Oxtoby. Leader and chief executive of NNDC to take place at the Methodist Room on 15 October].
- 4) We have been informed that tenders have gone out for the repair of Stearman's Yard car park. It is intended that work will be carried out between the end of September and the October half-term school holiday.
- 5) NCC is proceeding with their plans to switch off some streets lights during the middle of the night. However, there will be public consultation with all those affected prior to any actual switch off. This has been considered before by the Wells Town Council; however Marie has asked if there are any objections to let her know before the 7th September.
- 6) The AGM of the Norfolk Association of Local Councils takes place on the 1st November and a request has been received for agenda items.
- 7) Following badgering from Marie and this office, NCC has agreed to pay 25% of the cost of repairing the Town Bowls Club wall – due to constant splashing from slow-draining puddles.

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